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**NARZANES**  
OR, THE INJUR'D  
**STATESMAN**  
CONTAINING THE MOST  
IMPORTANT  
NEGOTIATIONS  
AND  
TRANSACTIONS  
OF THAT GREAT  
**MINISTER**  
WHILST HE PRESIDED  
OVER THE  
**AFFAIRS OF PERSIA**

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— — — Behold, ungrateful Men  
Behold my Bosom naked to your Swords!  
And let the Man that's injur'd strike the Blow!  
Which of you all suspects that he is wrong'd,  
Or thinks he suffers greater Ills than Cato?  
Am I distinguish'd from You but by Toils  
Superior Toils, and heavier Weight of Cares?  
Painful Pre-eminence!

CATO.  
AQ III. SC IV.

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Plin. lib. 9. ep. 29.

Ut satius, vnum aliquid insigniter, quam  
facere plurima mediocriter; ita plurima  
mediocriter, si non possis unum aliquid  
insigniter.





## Vorbericht.

**G**egenwaertige kleine Piece, die  
zuerst 1750. zu London ans  
Licht getreten, und in Deutschland  
nicht haeufig zu bekommen war, ist in  
der Absicht wieder aufgedruckt wor-  
den, damit man sich derselben, ihrer  
Leichtigkeit wegen, bey Anfaengern,  
die ihr erstes Buch lesen, bedienen  
moechte. Es war dieses Werkchen  
in der Originalausgabe durch ueber-  
haeuft Druckfehler, fast ganz un-  
brauchbar zu dieser Absicht geworden;  
welcher Unbequemlichkeit man ab-  
zuhelfen gesucht hat, obgleich aus  
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menschlicher Schwachheit, auch wegen Entfernung des Druckorts, einige Fehler stehen geblieben, von denen man folgende, die etwa Irrungen machen koennten, so gleich vor dem Lesen zu aendern bittet. Man lese naemlich p. 9. lin. 2. *her* statt *their*, p. 12. lin. 26. *Uneasiness*, p. 26. lin. 25. *as*, p. 28. lin. 14. *Wound*, p. 30. ult. *sad*, p. 41. lin. 12. *faint* und p. 43. lin. 7. *ever*. Die wenigen hinzugekommenen Anmerkungen, und das Register, werden Anfaengern nicht zuwider seyn.



Der Herausgeber.

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# NARZANES

or, the injur'd Statesman,  
containing the most important  
Negotiations and Transactions  
of that great Minister  
whilst he presided over the Affairs  
of Persia.



TO ALL  
SINCERE LOVERS  
of their Country  
the following sheets are, with  
the utmost deference  
inscrib'd by  
the Editor





## The Preface.

**T**he following Memoirs concerning NARZANES, were extracted from the Manuscript of an English Gentleman, who resided several Years at Ispahan; and being very intimate with some of the principal Grandees of the Persian Court, he had an opportunity of discovering the most remarkable Transactions of that Empire; and as the Author wrote this for the Information of his Countrymen, he thought proper to cloath it in an European Dress. The Design of publishing these Papers, is to shew that Men who have made the greatest Figure in the Administration of State affairs, and were favour'd by their Sovereign, have always been expos'd to the Malice and Envy of ambitious Competitors; who have constantly endeavour'd to promote their Downfal, even

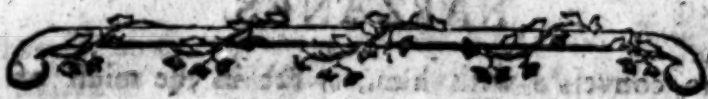
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even at the Hazard of involving their Country in Ruin. Such were Euryphax and his two Associates Salem and Alharzaman, whose detestable Arts are related in the following piece. This Triumvirate being Men of the most corrupt Principles, and animated by a restless and factious Spirit, had for many Years labour'd at the Destruction of Narzanes, which at last prov'd fatal to themselves. It may perhaps seem strange to find here several Particulars relating to the Amours of this great Statesman, intermix'd with his political Transactions: but, as that Part of his Story was previous to his Administration, and attended with extraordinary Circumstances, which afterwards were of Service to it; and as the Lady who was the Object of his Love possessed all the Perfections which can grace a female Character, and even several, worthy the greatest Heroes: it is to be hop'd, that the Incidents attending it, will be entertaining to the polite Reader.

Some People will possibly imagine, that under the Character of Narzanes, a particular Minister of these Times may be shadow'd: but with respect to this I shall only observe, that as every Man is free to think as he pleases; so they may draw the Parallel, or make the Application, in what ever Manner they shall judge proper.

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**T**he Kingdom of *Persia* had been for many Years involved in a vexatious War with the *Saracens* and *Arabians*, when by the wise or prudent Conduct of the Minister, who was then at the Helm, the *Persians* obtain'd an advantageous Peace, and were soon restored to their former Grandeur. He was a Man of extraordinary Talents, and had given many Instances of his Ability in the administration of Affairs both at home and abroad; for which, he justly deserv'd the Favour of his Prince, who distinguish'd him with peculiar Esteem and Affection.

This *Nobleman* had a son, whose Name was *Narzanes*. He was in the twentieth Year of his Age, when he made his first Appearance at Court, where he was receiv'd with the greatest Marks of Distinction, not only on his Father's Account, but for his own personal Merit, being a young Gentleman of a graceful Presence with fine natural parts, and Master of all the *Eastern Learning*, for which he seem'd to have a much stronger Inclination than is generally observ'd in young Noblemen, who, for the most part, prefer their Pleasures to the Study of those Sciences which in Time would redound more to their Credit. His good Sense, genteel Behaviour, Affability and Politeness soon gain'd him the Affection of all

who convers'd with him. Yet in the midst of a gallant and magnificent Court, he never shew'd the least Desire to contract an Intimacy with any of the Courtiers, whose Sincerity he very much suspected, and therefore judg'd them incapable of Friendship. Nor was he forward in recommending himself to the Favour of the *Fair*, who are ever jealous of the Tribute that is due to their Charms. In short as he was a Youth of great Sagacity and Penetration, he soon discover'd the Characters of the Courtiers of both Sexes, and was therefore resolv'd within himself, not to spent much Time in their Conversation.

It is probable, that at his Years, he could be no great Politician; he was somewhat too free in declaring his sentiments. Therefore his Father, who view'd all his Actions with a watchful Eye, began soon to read the Disposition of his Mind, and told him one Day, that he had observ'd his Averseness to the Diversions of Courts; and that he was often absent, when the rest of the Nobility were endeavouring to rival each other in distinguishing themselves by a splendid Appearance, and paying an assiduous Court to their Prince; that he himself being principal Minister of State, his Son had as great a Right as any one to make a handsome Figure; that besides it might in Time be of great Advantage to him to be well known to his *Sovereign*, who made it his constant Care to prefer Men of Merit, and reward the Services of such of his subjects as distinguish'd themselves.

*Narzanes*, without being in the least affected with his Father's Discourse, told him ingenuously, that far from having the least Inclination to be a Courtier he had so great a Dislike to the Character,  
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that he chuse to live a private Life, and enjoy the Pleasure of Independance, rather than be possess'd of the highest Employments in a Court, where he had already discover'd too much Falshood and Dissimulation; and that he esteem'd those Men unhappy, who, to make themselves great, were under the Necessity, either of being subservient to a Set of designing Men, or becoming obnoxious to the Malice and Envy of others, who would contend with him for Authority.

This Answer from one of his Years, surprized his Father, who at that Time was in great Power, and could easily raise his Son's Fortune, without apprehending that any would presume to oppose him. He represented to Narzanes the Services he had done his King and Country, which entitl'd him to ask any Favour of his Sovereign; and told him, that if there was any Employment in the Government agreeable to him, he himself could place him in it without applying to any other Person.

An offer of this Kind, would have been a strong Temptation to any young Nobleman, who propos'd to ascend the Stage of Life early, and act an eminent Part in so illustrious a Court: But all that his Father could say to persuade him was ineffectual. He persisted in his first Resolution of making no Steps towards his Preferment; and the more his Father us'd Means to inspire him with Notions of Grandeur, the more he declar'd his Reluctance to it; till at last declining all Company, and chusing a solitary Life, he apply'd himself entirely to the Study of the Mathematick and Polite Literature, in which he had already made a considerable Progress.



This he made his Pretence for not attending often at Court; and when he did appear there, it was with so great an Air of indifference, that every one observ'd his Behaviour, which some ascrib'd to Indolence; while others who were not so good-natur'd, imputed it to Pride. The King himself took Notice of it, and would have divid'd into the Cause, when the Father of Narzanes, who was well acquainted with the Genius of the Court, thought of an expedient which might in time wear out any ill Impression the Courtiers had conceiv'd of his Son, and by Degrees give a new Turn to his Sentiments. This was to send him a travelling, by which Means he would acquire a more perfect Knowledge of the world and be better qualify'd for whatever Employment Fortune should design him.

Soon after, his Father took an Opportunity of Communicating his Intentions to him, which Narzanes receiv'd with joy; and as he was independant, and unambitious; being the only Son of a Father whose Riches were immense; he propos'd an inexpressible Satisfaction to himself, in being some Years absent from a Court, for which at that time he could have no Relish.

About this Time a young Nobleman, Son to the Treasurer General of Persia, was preparing for his Travels; and hearing that Narzanes intended to take a Tour into Africa, he was very desirous to accompany him; which their Fathers having agreed to, these two Noblemen embrac'd the Opportunity with Pleasure.

The Treasurer's Son, whose Name was *Euryphax*, had a most ardent Passion for *Almazaida*, who was a cele-

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celebrated Beauty at the Persian Court, and a Lady of an illustrious Family: But their Father not approving of the Match, was determin'd to use all possible Means to prevent it, which created some Enmity between the two Families; and the Treasurer, being but too well inform'd of the violent Inclinations of his Son, thought that his Absence from Court would also divert him from a Passion, which if pursu'd might prove fatal to him.

This young Nobleman was of a quite opposite Character to Narzanes; for tho' his Person was beautiful, the Disposition of his Mind was no Ways answerable 1). He was ambitious, insolent, and imperious, a great Master of Dissimulation, and lov'd his Pleasure too much to be qualify'd for Business. He had Courage enough to fight 2) when Occasion offer'd; but was not so great a Slave to Honour, as to refrain from doing the worst Actions, when they tended to gratify his Passions.

All things being prepar'd for the Departure of the two Noblemen they both set out from the Court of Persia with a Retinue suitable to their Quality and

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1) Denn, wie der Herr v. Haller den Gedanken der Alten ausdrückt:  
In einem schönen Leib wohnt eine schöne Seele.

2) Man bemerkt, zur Erleichterung der engl. Sprache, daß die Wörter, welche im deutschen nicht haben, hier ordentlich gibt dafür annehmen. Solche Wörter sind, außer dem *sight*, *sehen*, auch: *sight*, *schlecht*, *rights* *rechts*, *nicht* die *Nacht*, *Knight* eigentl. der *Knoche*, *weight* *Gewicht* *light* *leicht* und das *Licht*, *cum derivate*, und eben so in den *Imperfectis* und *Particip.* *I thought* *ich dachte*, *von so* *ich*, *denken*, *I brought* *ich brachte* v. *so* *bring*. *I sought* *ich suchte* v. *so* *suchen*. Eben dahin gehören *daughter* *Tochter* und *bright* *praechtig*.

Fortune; and having travell'd thro' many Kingdoms of Asia, they at last came into Africa, where they took a View of every thing that was most remarkable in that Part of the World; residing some time in evrey great City, where they met with a splendid Reception from all the African Princes, whose Courts they visited.

*Narzanes*, whose Design in travelling, was not so much to ramble from Court to Court, as to improve his mind in the Study of all curious Knowledge, resolv'd to fix in some Country where he might reside a few Years; and having chosen the Abyssinian Empire for that purpose, he communicated his design to *Euryphax*, who not being of a Disposition to continue long in any Place, agreed to accompany him thither, till Variety and his inconstant Temper might invite him elsewhere.

They were, when this was proposed, at the Court of *Marocco*, from whence they set out on this tedious Journey, and after having travell'd for several Weeks, through the Desert of *Zaara*, the Kingdom of the *Nubia*, and other African Countries, they at last reach'd *Ethiopia*, the Dominions of the famous Emperor of the *Abyssins* 3). *Narzanes* and *Euryphax* had not been long arriv'd there, but they made their Appearance at Court, where they were honour'd with the same obliging reception, which they had met with at thole of the other African Princes. The Splendor and Magnificence of the Emperor's Court, was for some Days the Subject of their Admiration; and as

Foreigners,

3) Die Aethiopier heissen eigentlich Abyssinier, d. i. eine gesammelte Nation, collatus variorum, von einem Arabischen Worte welches so viel als congregatus er hat gesammelt, bedeutet.



Foreigners, they were continually entertain'd with new Diversions according to the Customs of that Contry; till *Narzanes*, beginning to reflect on the Time, he had spent in those Amusements, thought it might be employ'd to better Purpose; and therefore having resolv'd to apply himself seriously to study, he insensibly declin'd seeing Company, as was his Custom at the Court of Persia. However, as it was not equally in his Power to absent himself from a Court, where he was treated with great Distinction; in return to their obliging Politeness, he was often forc'd, tho' contrary to his inclinations, to partake in their Diversions.

*Euryphax* had quite a different Notion of Life, being a Man, who would have sacrific'd all Things to his Pleasures. He omitted no Opportunity of distinguishing himself in all Companies without Exception; and was particularly fond of such entertainments as were intermix'd with loose and criminal Diversions, which he was very desirous of promoting. In what Company soever he was admitted, his first Scheme was to form an amorous Intrigue, without which Life was to him a Burden; so that he had but little Time left for Conversations of a learned and serious Turn. Besides, what will yet appear more blamable in his Conduct, is, that when ever he was succesful in his voluptuous Adventures, he would be sure to make the fair Captive the only subject of his Discourse in all Companies; and could not be at rest, till by his repeated Hints and Intimations he had pointed out the unhappy Lady; the vile Effect of his intolerable Pride and Vanity.

This vicious Disposition of Mind involv'd him often in troublesome Broils, out of which he could not

not easily extricate himself, without casting a Blemish on his Reputation, and frequently drawing his Friends and Acquaintance into many difficulties; for which Reason, so soon as he began to be known in any Court, he not only was treated with Indifference, but also despis'd by all Men of Honour; and he himself was so sensible of his indiscrete Conduct, that he therefore made but very little Stay in any Place.

Narzanes on the contrary having distinguish'd himself by his inimitable Deportment on all Occasions, was highly esteem'd by all that convers'd with him; even the Emperor's Ministers, who were Men of the finest Understanding, did not think themselves above courting his Friendship; his penetrating Judgment, and sublime Manner of expressing himself on all Subjects where it was natural, made the wisest Politicians fond of his Company; and as a more particular Instance of Discretion which is seldom seen in Persons of his Years, he was never known to contract unthinkingly too great a Freedom with any one; a Circumstance which recommended him strongly to the Affection of the greatest Men.

Yet with all these noble Endowments, his Actions were generally attended with a certain Melancholy, which gave his intimate Friends some Uneasiness; But as good Manner forbid their enquiring into the Cause of it, they therefore were cautious of intruding so far, as it might perhaps be disagreeable to him. He used to retire every Day for some Hours, to study the Languages; and in a short Time, he made so great an Improvement in them, that he had the Advantage of conversing with Persons of all Nations by which Means he acquired an universal Knowledge;

dege; and it may be said without Partiality, that where so many Perfections center'd there was just room to expect, that his Abilities, would, in a few Years, entitle him to the highest Employments.

However, so various is the Vicissitude of all sublunary Things, that notwithstanding the prudent Measures this young Nobleman was taking to preserve his Innocence; we yet shall soon see him in the deepest distress, and even his Life in Danger, before he is rais'd to that exalted Grandeur which Fortune had design'd him. All the Wisdom and Virtue he possess'd, could not yet secure him from the Charms of powerful Love; a Passion inseparable from brave Spirits, and which has reduc'd the greatest Conquerors to a State of Captivity.

*Narzanes* who was us'd to chuse the most solitary Places for his Meditations, set out one Morning early, in order to walk in the Emperor's Gardens, which were the finest in Africa: and having taken several Turns in some of the remotest Alleys, he on a sudden found himself almost fainting, which he imputed to the excessive Heat of the Weather, it being then the middle of Summer. This oblig'd him to retire to a little Eminence, heighten'd by a most pleasing Verdure where he laid himself down; but instead of receiving any Benefit by it, his Spirits fail'd him, and in an Instant all his Faculties were suspended. Thus he continu'd some Time, when to his great Surprise he found himself recovering from his Swoon, by the Help of an agreeable Odour which was administer'd to him and opening his Eyes, he beheld with Admiration, a most beautiful young Lady near him, with several Women, who seem'd to be her Addendants. This unexpected Incident



cident caus'd a surprizing Emotion in *Narzanes*, who had hardly Power to express his Gratitude for so much Goodness. He arose from the Place where he lay, and with the Eyes fix'd on the divine Object, he endeavour'd to speak, but his Voice was lost, so great was his Disorder; which the young Lady perceiving she immediately retir'd, before he could know the Person to whom he was so highly indebted.

Here it would be difficult to represent justly the State of a Man, who, from a perfect Indifference for the fair Sex, and an uncommon application to the most serious Studies, finds his Breast glowing with a Passion which must necessarily discompose the whole Frame of his Mind, and create Anxieties in him, to which he had, till then, been an entire Stranger. This was the Case of *Narzanes*, who was now desperately in Love with the unknown Lady above mention'd. He return'd to his Apartment pensive, dejected, and full of the Object which had made so deep an Impression on his Breast, when he apply'd to his Books for Relief, but to no Purpose: he was restless, and could find nothing in them to alleviate his Pain.

He continu'd some Time in this Anxiety going daily to that Part of the Emperor's Gardens, where he had first beheld the beautiful Creature, in Hopes of meeting her again, or finding some Means to discover who she was; but all his endeavours prov'd fruitless. His Hopes were now changed into the blakest Despair; and his raging Passion encreasing every Instant, very much heightened the Melancholy which was natural to him. He often call'd Reason to his Aid, but the Wound was too deep,

deep, to admit of an immediate Cure; so that he began to think that Time and Absence were the only remedies he could apply to so violent a Disease, which made him resolve to leave a Place where he could no longer enjoy the least Peace of Mind.

This sudden Resolution being known at Court, created some Surprize in all who had an Affection for him, and to whom he had not long before communicated his intention of staying in this place some Years. Amongst the rest, there was a Person of great Credit and Distinction in that Empire, to whom the Father of *Narzanes* had formerly done considerable Services, during his Residence at the Court of Persia. This Nobleman being informed that *Narzanes* propos'd to leave *Abyssinia* soon, came to pay him a Visit, and was desirous of Knowing the Cause of it: But *Narzanes* could not well gratify the Curiosity of his Friend without revealing a Secret to him which he had vow'd never to disclose, but to the dear Idol of his Affections; in Case he should be so happy, as to be once more blest with the Sight of her. He only told him that some Affairs of Moment call'd him home; but that he would not set out from Court, till he had first paid his Acknowledgments to the many Noble Persons, to whom he was so greatly indebted for all the Favours they had indulg'd him since his Arrival, which he said would take up some Time.

*Narzanes* utter'd these Words with an Air of the deepest Melancholy, which very much affected the Noble Abyssinian, who, in order to divert it, gave him an Invitation to spend a few Days with him at one of his Country Seats, not many Miles distant from Court. This the young Nobleman would have declined

clin'd, but the other insisting upon it, *Narzanes* could not well refuse so obliging an offer, without being guilty of the greatest Rudeness. He therefore at last consented to it, and the Nobleman agreed to call on him the next Morning, in Order to carry him into the Country. The sequel of this extraordinary Adventure will manifestly shew that *Narzanes* could not fly from his Destiny.

Early the next Morning, a Servant was sent to acquaint *Narzanes*, that his Master would wait upon him in an hour's Time; and accordingly he came in his Coach, attended with a handsome Retinue; but with what Astonishment was *Narzanes* seiz'd, when he saw the enchanting Creature in his Friends Coach who had administred Relief to him in the Emperor's Gardens, and had rais'd such a Tempest in his soul! Words can never paint the Disorder he was in at this unexpected Meeting, which was too visible not to be perceiv'd by the young Lady, who was daughter to this noble Abyssinian. As for her Father, he had no Room to suspect any thing of this kind, not knowing that *Narzanes* had ever seen her before.

They travell'd on for some Hours, and about Noon arriv'd at this Nobleman's Seat, which for Splendor and Magnificence was scarce inferior to any of the Emperor's Palaces. It was a stately Edifice erected on the Side of a Hill, which afforded a most delightful Prospect; and the Beauty and Regularity of its Architecture, shew'd it the Master Piece of a great Artist. The Gardens also were laid out after so beautiful a Manner, which was chiefly owing to the natural Situation of the Ground; that the whole



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whole represented the Palace of a Sovereign rather than the Country Seat of a Subject.

In this delightful Retirement, *Nerzues* was entertain'd with a most elegant Manner by this Abyssinian, who daily invent'd some new scene of Diversion; and having prevail'd on him to stay some Time there, *Nerzues* found frequent Opportunities of paying his Devotion to the beautiful *Elephanta*, for that was the Name of this excellent Lady, who in their first private Conversation, mention'd with an Air of the sweetest Innocence, something relating to what had pass'd in the Emperor's Gardens; but at the same Time gave him to understand, that what she had then done, was nearly out of Compassion to a Stranger, who seem'd to be suddenly taken ill, and had no Person near at hand, to give him any Assistance, but that after she had left him she never expected to see him more. Amongst other Particulars she told him, that having lately lost her Mother, whose Memory would ever be dear to her; she therefore had not appear'd at Court since her Death; but chose to lead a retir'd Life, in order to indulge her Melancholy; that she had one only Brother whom she lov'd intirely, and that he was then on his Travels in foreign Countries, from whence she waited his Return with the utmost Impatience.

It were needless to mention here the Transports of Joy, which possess'd the whole Soul of *Nerzues* during his Stay in the Country. We may naturally suppose, that he thought himself completely blest, in thus enjoying the Company of a virtuous and lovely Lady, who had inflam'd his Breast with a most violent Passion. So far as Modesty would admit, he was flatter'd with the Hopes of recommending himself

self to her Favour; which soon made him determine not to pursue the Resolution he had some Time before taken of leaving Abyssinia. But Mankind are too apt to persuade themselves, that what ever Design they are strongly bent upon, must, of Course meet with success, when once they set about it.

Narzanes was indeed a Gentleman of excellent Talents, as was before observ'd; and so handsome, that few Ladies could receive his Addresses with Indifference: but being not so well vers'd in the Mysteries of Love as in the Sciences, he therefore could have but a very imperfect Idea of the Nature of that Passion, and thought that if he could but once make his Addressee agreeable to *Elphamira*, nothing more would be wanting to complete his Felicity. He did not consider the opposit Interests of the *Persian* and *Abyssinian* Nations, who were some times Friends but oftner Enemies; and how jealous both were of marrying with Foreigners, which by their Laws was a great Crime in Noblemen, unless they first obtain'd the Consent and Approbation of their Prince. These with many other things of the Nature, had escap'd his Observation, at a Time, when his Thoughts were confin'd wholly to the Object of his Love; and the more he indulg'd his Passion, the less he was capable of pursuing his first glorious Design.

They had now spent a few Days in the Country, when some affairs of Moment call'd *Elphamira's* Father back to Court, and as he was exceedingly delighted with Narzanes Conversation, he told him at his Return thither, that he hop'd he wanted no further Invitation to his House; that so long as he continu'd in *Abyssinia* he insist'd obligingly on the Favour of his Company, so often as his Leisure would permit;

permit; and heightened the whole with many other polite Expressions, which were no Ways disagreeable to Narzanes, whose Hopes increas'd daily with his Passion. Yet all this while his Discretion would not permit him to make any rash Overtures; for as he had often found Opportunities of conversing in private with the beautiful *Elphamira*, he had observ'd, that when ever he introduced any Thing relating to Love, she assum'd an Air of Severity, which soon oblig'd him to change the Subject. However, he visit her Father constantly, who always receiv'd him not only after a Friendly Manner, but even treated him like a Son, which often procur'd him the Satisfaction of seeing *Elphamira*, when other Visitors were refus'd Admittance.

In the mean Time *Euryphax* was entertain'd with new Adventures of every Kind. He had now got acquainted with the most of the young Noblemen at the Emperor's Court, and had contracted an Intimacy with such as he fancy'd to be of the same Turn of Mind with himself; by which Means he was daily introduc'd into Parties of Pleasure, and enjoy'd all the Variety he could wish for! But as he put no Manner of restraint to his loose Appetites, he was soon forsaken by his dearest Companions, who, tho' they were Men of like Passions with himself, had yet the Caution not to engage too far in his

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4) Das Verbum *to get* gewinnen, das außer dieser eigentlichen Bedeutung noch mancherley schönen Gebrauch. b. i. heißt es so viel als: werden. Oft wird es so gebraucht, daß man es nicht buchstäblich aufersetzen kann, sondern die Bedeutung von dem damit construirten Worte nachsehen muß, als: *to get a fall*, fallen, *to get loose*, loskommen, *to get up* aufstehen, *to get in*, aus hinein hinaus gehen oder kommen. *to get rid*, weiter unten, heißt befrejet werden, loskommen.



riotous Proceedings, for Fear of incurring the Emperor's Displeasure, in case it should come to his Ear; or lose the favour of their Relations at Court, on whose Interest they depended wholly for Preferment.

I would have been happy for *Narzanes*, had he never known *Euryphax*, or at least that they had not set out together from the Persian Court: for tho' he would never consent to join with him in his dissolute Parties of Pleasure, he yet could not avoid seeing him almost every Day, during his Stay in *Abyssinia*, they living in the same House and defraying their travelling Expences in common. This created a still greater Familiarity between them, which often gave *Narzanes* an Opportunity of advising his Friend, and reproving him for the disorderly Life he led, which was now become so scandalous, that no Man of Honour would keep him Company. Remonstrances of this Kind, from one who was not much older than *Euryphax*, were very grating to a Man of his imperious Temper, which undoubtedly he would have resented, had he not been afraid that a Difference between him and *Narzanes*, whilst they were at the Abyssinian Court, would turn to his own Prejudice. However 'twill soon appear, of what fatal Consequence it is to be acquainted with Men of base Principles; since they seldom fail of involving their Friends in the Evils, which they themselves promote. But let us now return to the charming *Elphamira*,

This young Lady was distinguished from the rest of her Sex, for some superior Excellencies which are not always rank'd among the female Virtues. Her Person indeed was adorn'd with all the Charms which

which a Woman could boast; but the Beauties of her Mind, to which a Pre-Eminence ought always to be allowed, were such as attracted the highest Admiration. Her Magnanimity, Generosity, and Compassion, and a Large Share of Prudence and Discretion made the least Part of her Endowments; so that from what was before observ'd, we may easily conclude, that She was not to be amused with the fond Prattle, which young Votaries generally employ when they address the Fair. Her Time was spent in Conversations of a more sublime Nature, which often check'd the Transports of the passionate Narzanes: And as he himself plainly discover'd her sentiments, by her Behaviour towards him; he used the utmost Circumspection, lest, by any wrong Step, he might happen to incur her Displeasure,

One Evening, as *Narzanes* and *Elphamira* were walking in a solitary Part of her Father's Gardens, they heard a prodigious Roaring; and soon after perceiv'd, tho' their great Surprise, a Leopard that had broke loose from his Den, and was engag'd with a young Tyger, which being no longer able to make any Resistance, was forc'd to yield to the Conqueror. But how much greater was their Astonishment, when they saw the Leopard leave his Prey, and make up towards the Place where they stood, without any Possibility of their flying the Danger.

*Narzanes*, who, till then, had never met with the like occasion of putting his Valour to the Tryal, but had always discover'd a Greatness of Soul in every Action, resolv'd at once to encounter this fierce Animal, when addressing himself to *Elphamira*, he beg'd her to retire, and make the best of her Way towards her Father's House, during which he would

keep the Leopard in Play. But this Excellent Woman, who did not express the least Fear for her own sake, could not be prevail'd upon to leave him exposed alone to the Fury of a fierce Beast, who was now at Hand, and made a Motion as tho' he intended, to attack her first: whereupon Narzanes run at him with his drawn Sabre, and struck it into his Jaws; but the Leopard struggling furiously, broke the Weapon, and having disengag'd himself, made a second Attempt upon *Elphamira*, which Narzanes likewise oppos'd with wonderful Activity and Courage; and making use of the remaining Part of his Sabre, he rush'd in upon the Leopard, and sheathing it in his stomach, kept him down; till by good Fortune, some of the Keepers being alarm'd at the hideous Roaring of this Animal, came to Narzanes Assistance, and thus put an End to the Fight, by the Death of the Leopard, Narzanes having receiv'd but a very slight Wound in one of his Hands.

This Adventure, may in the Opinion of some People seem in a Romantic Strain; and indeed there would be Reason enough for it, were it not that both the *Asiatics* and *Africans* are daily exposed to Danger of this Kind and are very dexterous in combating fierce Animals. However the Intrepidity of Narzanes on this Occasion, recommended him highly, not only to *Elphamira's* Favour, who was under the

5) *as tho' als wenn, gleichsam als wenn, diese Particul, die nicht weit unten noch einmal vorkommt, ist in dem Klausen'schen Lex. nicht mit angegeben worden.*



greater Dread upon his Account 6); but also acquired him the Reputation of a brave or gallant Man, amongst those of the first Rank, both at Court and in the Emperor's Army.

Euryphax was the only Person that could not relish the mighty Applauses which were bestow'd universally on his Friend: And as he himself was now become odious, and scarcely taken Notice of at the Abyssinian Court; whilst Narzanes was treated by all with the greatest Marks of Distinction, it created so much invidious Rancour in him, that he resolv'd on some desperate Attempt, by which he might retrieve his own vile Character, or blast the unspotted Reputation of his Friend.

This ungenerous Resolution would in all Appearance prove fatal to one of them. But as Euryphax was deeply skilled in the Arts of Dissimulation, he acted the Politician with Narzanes, and carried himself as fair as usual, till an Opportunity might offer to put his Design in Execution.

The Father of Elphamira on the other Hand, who justly thought he owed his Daughter's Life to Narzanes, express'd all the Gratitude imaginable for it; and made it his chief Study how to return so signal a Service. But the Favour of Elphamira, which was the farthest from her Father's Thoughts, was the only Reward Narzanes desir'd. And as this Adventure had created a more intimate Familiarity between the young Lady and him, he look'd upon this as a favourable Juncture for the disclosing of his Sentiments, And accordingly, in their next private Conversation he breath'd his Passion, and address'd her in so soft,

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6) Upon his Account, seinen wegen. Denn, wie der jüngere Plinius spricht, est ira natura comparatum, ut ibi acque amorem incites et accendas, quam carendi metus. Lib. 5. Ep. 19. n. 5.

so tender a Manner, that notwithstanding her great Presence of Mind, she at first could not help shewing some Disorder; which he readily interpreted in his own Favour. But he was too soon convinced of his Error; for, recovering from her first Surprise, and assuming an awful and severe Countenance, she told him that she was infinitely indebted to him for the Service he had done her, and thought that her Friendship and Esteem shew'd the deep Sense she had of her Obligations to him; but that in case he required any Thing more; she should be under Necessity of never admitting him into her Company. Here Narzanes would fain have repeated his Vows, and pleaded in behalf of his Passion; but Elphamira resolving not to hear him, rose up instantly and retired into another Apartment, leaving her disconsolate Lover to bemoan his unhappy Fate.

When *Narzanes*, who had always dreaded the Consequence of such a Declaration, began to consider the Overture he had made, he accused himself of the highest Indiscretion, and was determin'd to restore himself to *Elphamira's* Favour at any Rate; should he even be forced to stifle a Passion which had already depriv'd him of his Peace. But instead of giving him an Opportunity of justifying his Conduct, she ever after endeavour'd to shun him, and would not admit him into her Company, unless her Father or some other Person were present, which was a cruel Restraint to a Man who had so long enjoy'd the conversation of so amiable and virtuous a Lady, in whom he had daily discover'd some new Perfection, which only made the Flame rage with greater Violence. But as She made it her chief Care to avoid seeing him in private, many Days pass'd before he could take any steps towards a Reconciliation. About

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About this Time, it happen'd that Elphamira's Father was oblig'd to go into the Country; and as it was not convenient to take his Daughter with him, she stay'd in Town, in order to receive her Brother, who was hourly expected at the Court of Abyssinia. Narzanes, who hitherto had been allow'd the Privilege of visiting Elphamira was exceedingly pleas'd to reflect, that he should now, as her Father would be absent, find some Opportunity of making his Peace; and therefore went as usual to pay his respects, but was not admitted, upon Pretence of her being indisposed. He repeated his Visits, and for a long Time met with the same indifferent Reception, which fill'd him with the deepest Anguish, till at last, being resolv'd to see her, he one day send a Message, that he had some Affairs of the highest Importance to communicate to her, and therefore beg'd to be heard. Elphamira might easily guess the Cause of his Importance; and as she had observ'd for some Time that he abandon'd himself a Prey tho' the blackest Melancholy, she thought it would be but prudent and generous to inform him of her Sentiments; and to this End she condescended to see him, with a Resolution to banish him from her Presence for ever. At his first Approach he fell at her feet, and said all that Love, heightned by Respect could suggest, in order to obtain her Pardon for his rash Attempt; and at the same Time discover'd so much Despair in his Countenance and his Gestures, as would have melted the most obdurate Heart.

Now, whether Elphamira was affected with the Condition Narzanes was in, or dreaded the Consequence of so violent a Passion, I shall not pretend to determine. But with a graceful Air she bid him



rise up, when she said that she had once more admitted him into her Presence, in order to declare her Intentions, with which She hop'd he would acquiesce, as being the greatest favour she could possibly indulge him. Just as she had ended these words, a Messenger brought word, that her Brother was arriv'd, upon which addressing herself to Narzanes, she told him, that in Consideration of so agreeable a Piece of News she would forgive him what was past, but upon Condition that he would never be so indiscreet for the future.

These Words gave new Life to Narzanes, who was enraptur'd at the pleasing Thoughts of being restor'd to *Elphamira's* Favour; and was just going to thank her for so singular an Instance of her Goodness, when a second Message was brought, by which she was inform'd that her Brother was in her Father's Apartment, and was coming to salute her. *Elphamira* who was very impatient to see her Brother after so long an Absence, and thought it would not be proper for Narzanes to be seen with her at that Juncture, desir'd him to withdraw; nor indeed was he himself desirous of being then introduc'd to a Stranger, who very possibly might perceive the Disorder he was in, and form such Suspensions as would create some Uneasiness between the Brother and Sister; and therefore he took an Opportunity of retiring, unperceiv'd by *Elphamira's* Brother.

But that very Evening, a fatal Accident happen'd which destroy'd all *Narzanes's* Hopes, and threw the whole Court in the utmost Confusion. He had not been long in his own Apartment where he propos'd to be alone for the rest of the Evening,  
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when Euryphax came to interrupt his solitary Meditations; and after 7) a few Words had pass'd between them, he began to Banter him upon his retir'd Way of living, and in so ill natur'd a Manner, as tho, 8) he really intended to provoke him to quarrel. Narzanes knowing that Euryphax was very much given to Raillery, and often spoke without thinking, took but little Notice of wath he said; but at the same Time, would have been very glad to get 9) rid of his Company. However Euryphax not being inclin'd to leave him, press'd him earnestly to take a Walk in the Emperor's Gardens, which Narzanes was very unwilling to do; and would have excus'd himself, had not the other been vastly urgent; so that at last he chose to comply with his Request, rather than be troubled wit his Impertinence.

The Evening was somewhat gloomy at their Setting out, and they had not taken many Turns in the Gardens, when Night seem'd to come on apace, which occasion'd most of the Company to retire. Narzanes and Euryphax had struck down a long and narrow Walk, when they heard some People talking and coming up toward them. Euryphax by the Sound of the Voice immediately took it to be a

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a Person who had insulted him some Nights before, but had been prevented fighting him by the rest of Company, so resolv'd not to lose this Opportunity of being reveng'd. By this Time they perceiv'd two Men at a little Distance from them; upon which *Euryphax* made a Stand and first address'd one of the Gentlemen in the insulting Tone, which was natural to him; who having no Knowledge of him, told him he certainly was mistaken in the Person, but that he was not afraid of any Man living. This abrupt, tho' just Answer, made *Euryphax* persist in his Error; when without any further explanation, they both drew, and made several vigorous Attacks at each other, till at last *Euryphax* gave him a mortal Wound, which fell'd him dead on the Place.

In the mean Time, the other unknown Person seeing his Friend extended on the Ground, came up to *Narzanes* with his drawn Sabre, and vow'd he would revenge the Death of his Friend upon him, *Euryphax* having made off. But *Narzanes* looking upon this as a very unwarrantable Quarrel, would willingly have declin'd engaging in it, had not the other upbraided him with Cowardice, which oblig'd him to draw; and thus he fought for some Time in his own Defence, having no Design to wound his Antagonist, who thinking he had the Advantage of *Narzanes*, clos'd in with him, in order to disarm him; but missing his Aim, he run directly upon the point of his Sabre, by which he receiv'd a Wound that laid him at *Narzanes's* Feet.

The Company were not yet all retir'd out of the Emperor's Gardens, so that some People who were in the adjacent Walks, being alarm'd at the clashing



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clashing of Swords, ran to this fatal Alley, where they found two Gentlemen weltring in their Gore, and *Narzanes* standing by them; which raised such a Scene of Horrour in the Minds of the Spectators, that they knew not what to think. But seeing *Narzanes* with his drawn Sabre in his Hand, they immediately secur'd him, and carried him before a Magistrate; whilst, by the Light of the Torchers they soon discover'd who the other two unfortunate Gentlemen were; the one being Son to the chief General of the Emperor's Forces, and the other, Brother to *Elphamira*. The former was already dead; but the latter having some Signs of Life remaining, was carried to his Father's House, where it was not expected that he could live an Hour.

This sad Catastrophe made a great Noise in the Emperor's Court; and as there were no Witnesses to be examin'd, it was universally suppos'd that *Narzanes* was guilty of the Murder, and finally resolv'd that he should be prosecuted with the utmost Severity. By his Examination, and the Account he gave of the whole Affair, it manifestly appear'd that *Euryplax* had been the chief Promoter of this unlucky Quarrel, and therefore an order was immediately issu'd out for the apprehending of him living or dead but he was out of their reach: for being conscious of his own Guilt and dreading the Consequences of so barbarous an Action, he had abandon'd his Friend, and made off that very Night, pursuing his journey with the utmost Speed, till he had got out of the Emperor's Dominions.

*Narzanes* was now confin'd under a strong Guard, and inform'd who the unhappy Gentlemen were

were, who were said to have lost their Lives in this unfortunate Rencontre, he abandon'd himself intirely to Despair; not so much for his own sake, as for that of his dear Elphamira, who as he suppos'd had lost her darling Brother, for it was reported that he was dead; and when he came to reflect that his Sabre had, tho' innocently, been the fatal Weapon which had robb'd him of his Life, his only Desire was to die. But it may not be improper to mention here what pass'd between *Elphamira* and her Brother before he breath'd his last.

The night he was brought home, the great Quantity of Blood he had lost depriv'd him of his Speech, and he continued in fainting Fits till the next Morning, when his Spirits began to revive, and recovering his Voice a little, he had just Life enough to give *Elphamira* a short Account of what had pass'd the Night before; and he told her withal, that he could not in any Manner lay his Death to the Person with whom he had fought; for that he himself had been the Aggressor, and had hasten'd his unhappy End, by making too rash an Attempt to disarm him: that he was satisfy'd the Wound he had receiv'd was not given willfully, and therefore desir'd as he had not many hours to live, that she would declare his dying Words to the World in order that a stop might be put to *Narzanus's* Prosecution, whose Innocence he said, he thought himself in Honour oblig'd to defend. Here his Speech fail'd him, and soon after he dy'd in *Elphamira's* Arms, whose Grief on this Occasion was inexpressible.

By this time, the News of this young Nobleman's sad Fate had reach'd his Father's Ears, who

who immediately return'd from the Country, but did not come time enough to find his Son alive; and when he was inform'd of the whole Affair, no Distraction of Mind could be equal to his. The Death of so amiable a Son, who was dear to him as Life it self, and the Presence of a Daughter in the deepest Affliction for the Loss of her Brother, were daily present to his Imagination; whilst on the other Hand, he could not but look with Compassion on the distressed State of *Narzanes*, whose involuntary Crime, now expos'd him to the severest Punishment. For tho' *Elphamira's* Father had no intention to concern himself in his Prosecution, he knew very well, that the chief General, whose son had been kill'd by *Euryphax* had taken the Affair in Hand; and being a Man of a fiery Temper, and of absolute Power; was resolv'd to make an Example of the one, since the other had made his Escape, and could not be brought to Justice.

Every one almost, who had been acquainted with *Narzanes* shew'd a real Concern for his Misfortune, and employ'd all their Interest to save him; but as he was to be try'd by the Emperor's Council, who were all influenc'd by the chief General, there was little Hopes of his being absolv'd. The Emperor had been apply'd to by several Persons of Distinction in *Narzanes's* Behalf, and even by *Elphamira's* Father, who found his Sovereign inclin'd to shew Mercy; tho' he never would determine any Affair of Consequence without advising with the chief General in whom he confided solely, and whose Voice always govern'd the rest.



Matters standing thus, Narzanes's Cause was thought desperate, and indeed, he himself was no ways solicitous about saving his Life; for when his Trial came on, he appear'd with the greatest unconcern imaginable; and instead of pleading for himself, and extenuating his suppos'd Guilt, he neglected his own Cause, to lament the deplorable Death of the two young Noblemen; and express'd himself in so tender, so pathetic a Manner on this Occasion, that he mov'd the whole Audience to Pity, mix'd with Astonishment, who could not but admire his Greatness of Soul; so that even the Emperor's Council were inclin'd to save him. But the incens'd General perceiving the Disposition they were in to favour him, made a severe speech, in which he heightened the whole with the most aggravating Circumstances and withal represented to them, how dangerous it might prove, even to the Emperor's Person in case a Murder of this Nature were to go unpunish'd in a Foreigner, who had presum'd to draw his Sabre in the Verge of his Imperial Palace: a Crime that singly was made Death by the Laws of their Nation. These with many other Arguments to the same Purpose, gave a sudden Turn to Narzanes's Cause, who after a short Deliberation was condemn'd by a majority of the Council to lose his Head, and accordingly a Day was fix'd for his Execution.

But Virtue often proves a powerful Advocate to the unjustly wretched. The generous *Elphamira* could not think of Narzanes's Doom without being grievously affected: she saw no Prospect of saving his Life by any Interest that could be made at Court; and as she was convinc'd of his Innocence, she thought it would be cruel to let him suffer Death in

In case there was any Possibility of saving him. She therefore thought how she might assist him in making his Escape. But this she found would be very difficult, because of the Impossibility of bribing his Guards, it being as much as their Lives were worth.

Nevertheless after having well weigh'd the Affair she call'd to Mind that a young Gentlewoman, who was one of her meanest Attendants, was about the size of Narzanes, and not very unlike him in Features. To this Person she disclos'd her Intention, and told her, that in case she would consent to go with her to the Place where *Narzanes* was confin'd, and change Cloaths with him, he might make his Escape in this Disguise; which the other, in order to oblige her Lady, who had sav'd her Father's Life and to whom she was entirely devoted immediately agreed to. Upon this, *Elphamira*, attended by the young Woman, came to the Castle where he was close Prisoner; and being admitted to his Chamber, she address'd him as follows, „Think not *Narzanes*, „that I am come hither to upbraid you, or charge „you with the Death of my unfortunate Brother; so „far from it, that I am satisfied you are innocent: and „therefore in obedience to his dying Words, have „endeavour'd to justify your fatal, tho' innocent „Action. But alas! all my efforts have prov'd fruit- „less the Emperor's Council is sway'd by the Autho- „rity of the Chief *General*, who is of a most cruel „Nature and absolutely bent to revenge the Death „of his Son upon some body. Now as *Euryphax* has „made his escape, the Punishment of his Guilt would „inevitably fall upon you only. To morrow, says „She, is appointed for that Purpose. You see the „Time is short, and the only Expedient is for you

„to dress your self immediately in Woman's Apparel  
 „and follow me. „I have now brought a Person with  
 „me, whose Cloaths you shall take; I having prevail'd  
 „with her to stay in your Room. „

*Narzanes* whose Amazement was beyond Expression, could scarce believe his own Eyes; his Thoughts were too confus'd to make a suitable Answer to so much Generosity; but after a Moment's Silence, he flung himself at *Elphamira's* Feet, and told her, that since what he had done, had put her to so much Anguish, he did not desire to live; that he was sure his Crime, how innocent soever it might be, must have render'd him odious to her; that nothing less than Death could atone for the Loss of a Brother, who had been so dear to her; and therefore, he was ready to submit to whatever the Council should think fit to inflict.

Here the Tears stole down *Elphamira's* Cheeks; when, her tender Sorrow yielding to her generous Compassion, she interrupted him with these Words: „I am persuaded *Narzanes*, that the sad Scene in which „you was so unhappily engaged, must have fill'd „your Soul with the most gloomy Ideas. But alas! „no Atonement can ever call back the dead to Life. „As I always took you for a Man of Honour, and „was inform'd by my Brother in his expiring Moments, how handsome you behav'd on that fatal „Occasion, I have not the least Room to suspect „your Innocence; nor am I insensible of the Passion „you had for me, even from the Beginning of our „Acquaintance; but as it was not in my Power to „gratify it, I endeavour'd to procure You a Remedy „to Your Distemper before it grew too violent; all „which



which you yourself must undoubtedly have discovered by my Behaviour; and the dangerous Step I now take is a convincing Testimony of the real Esteem I have for You. Therefore lose no Time: let us retire instantly from this dismal Mansion; and as a stronger Proof of the Value I have for you, the Moment I receive the News of your being in a Place of Safety I'll set out after you, and unite my Destiny with Yours.

Such Kind and unexpected Expressions gave new Life to *Narzanes*, who thought the best Return he could then make to so generous an offer was immediately to obey her Commands; upon which he huddled on his Disguise, and went out of Prison undiscover'd with *Elphamira*. This generous Lady had also taken Care to supply him with every Thing necessary for his Journey; and thus he set out, attended only by a Servant whom *Elphamira* had appointed to be ready for that Purpose; and having rode with prodigious Speed the remaining Part of that Day and all the Night following, they arriv'd at *Mombaza*, a Sea Port Town out of the Dominions of the Emperor of Abyssinia, and the Place where *Elphamira* had promis'd to meet him.

During this Interval great Preparations were making at Court for *Narzanes* Execution, which by the General's Order, was to have been perform'd in a public and most solemn Manner. There was a large Scaffold erected in one of the outward Courts of the Emperor's Palace, and a Kind of Amphitheatre built round it for the Spectators. The Emperor's Guards were drawn up in Battalia, and every Thing being ready for this tragical Scene, News was brought

that the Person in Custody had declar'd to some of the Keepers that she was a Woman, and that *Narzanes* was gone off the Day before. The General being inform'd of this, fell into such a Rage, that nothing could pacify him; and so excessive was it, that he would have had the young Woman executed in *Narzanes* Stead, had not all the Ladies at Court interceded for her. Every one, himself excepted, was overjoy'd at this lucky Disappointment.

*Elphamira* was exceedingly pleas'd to find her Project successful, and as she had sav'd the Life of a Man, who she was persuaded deserv'd it; she did not value what Constructions the ill natur'd Part of the World might put upon her conduct. Her Father was the only Person whose Displeasure she dreaded. But as he knew his Daughter's Virtue, and *Narzanes* Merit; he was fully satisfy'd that she had been prompted to act this Part merely out of Compassion to a Stranger, who had been doom'd a sacrifice to the chief General's Inhumanity.

But now the Person whom *Elphamira* had order'd to attend *Narzanes*, till he had got safe out of the Emperor's Territories, return'd with the following Letter.

NARZANES  
TO  
ELPHAMIRA.

*After so singular an Instance of Your Generosity, nothing more is wanting to complete my Felicity but the Presence of the excellent ELPHAMIRA. To You, Madam, I am indebted for a Life, which I shall ever devote to*

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Your Service; and tho' so small a Tribute be infinitely inferior to the Obligation you have conferr'd on me; yet as you alone have a Right to dispose of it, I hope you will not disdain the grateful, tho' mean offering. My future Happiness depends wholly on the performance of your Promise to me when I left you. And as no Pleasure can be equal to that of enjoying the Company of my enchanting *Elphamira*, I shall wait her Arrival here with the utmost Impatience.

When this Letter was deliver'd to *Elphamira*, she express'd the utmost Satisfaction, finding, that *Narzanes* was out of Danger, and could now provide for his own Safety. The Messenger who brought it, inform'd her that *Euryphax* had taken the same Road; and was seen at *Mombaza* disguised in a Sailor's Habit, from whence he had set out for the Court of Persia.

The Reader is to be inform'd, that when *Elphamira* promis'd to follow *Narzanes*, she had done it meerly because she knew it would be the most powerful Argument she could use, to persuade him to make Escape. For at that Time he seem'd to almost disregard Life, and was very unwilling to take any Steps towards saving it. The letter which she wrote to him, will discover very evidently the generous Intentions of this incomparable Lady; who was induc'd to serve him from no other Motive but that of a sincere and most generous Friendship. 'Twas as follows,



## ELPHAMIRA

TO

## NARZANES.

It was no small Pleasure to me, to receive with Your Letter the welcome News of your being out of the Reach of your merciless Prosecutors. The Distress You were in under your Confinement, gave me a real Concern; and my Thoughts were wholly employ'd how to avert the Danger which threatned You. I observ'd your Despair, and being no Stranger to the Cause of it, I contriv'd a Project, which, thank Heavens, has met with success. But NARZANES, forgive me, if I tell you, that when I made you the Promise, to which you now lay Claim, I did it purely to deceive You. For my chief and only Intent at that Time, was to save a Life which you seem'd not to value, tho' dear to your Friends; and I could not think on a more powerful Expedient to urge Your Departure, than to assure you that I would follow you. Now my Wishes are completed, and therefore, it would be a fruitless Attempt in you, to entertain me with a Passion, which, oh! I cannot return. Yet if you are inclin'd to correspond with me as a Friend, not a Lover, Your Letters will always be acceptable. The Possession of what we fondly admire, may soon or late prove indifferent; but the Endearments of Friendship are solid and lasting. Consider this NARZANES and haste to the Court of Persia, where Fortune only waits your Return, to crown your Days with Prosperity and Glory.

This Letter, we may suppose, was far from being agreeable to Narzanes, who had been waiting with Impatience for Elphamira's Arrival. During his Stay at Mombaza he wrote several Letters to her, in which

which he in the most tender Words, insisted on her Promise, and said all that Love and Honour could suggest to persuade her into Compliance; but nothing could prevail on this generous Lady, who in her Answers always referr'd him to the Contents of her first Letter, which, at last, quite damp'd all Hopes, tho' not without many grievous Conflicts betwixt Reason and the violent Impulses of his Passion.

Things were in this State, when he receiv'd an Express from his Father, to whom Euryphax, who was then arriv'd at the Court of Persia, had related the whole Misfortune of his Son, with the melancholy Circumstance of his being condemn'd to die, which he affirm'd was inevitable. In his Father's Packet were several Letters from the *King of Persia* directed to the *Emperor of Abyssinia*, and the principal Members of his Council, which now being of no manner of Service to *Narzanes*, he took little Notice of them, but when he came to peruse his Father's Letter to him, which was drawn up in the most pathetic Terms, it gave a strange Turn to the passionate Sentiments, he till then had so rashly indulg'd in favour of *Elphasmira*. He tax'd himself with the highest Ingratitude towards a Parent, who, from his Infancy, had given him the most convincing Proofs of his paternal Affection and Tenderness; and particularly on this occasion, when he acquainted him in his Letter, that the News of his Distress had like to have kill'd him; and that if Fate had decreed his untimely End, it would be impossible for him to survive his Loss. These and many other Expressions of the like Nature,

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ture, having affected *Narzanes* in a most sensible Manner, he resolv'd to set out with the utmost Diligence for the Court of *Persia*: but before he did this, he thought proper to communicate his Design to *Elphandra*, who being inform'd of his Resolution, approv'd it very much, as being the only thing he aim'd at; and was exceedingly pleased, to find that among other Motives which had induc'd him to make this Step, her good Advice had made some Impression on his Mind.

Whilst these Things pass, *Euryphax* who began to envy *Narzanes*, could not reflect on the Misfortune he was under, without feeling a secret Pleasure, tho' he himself had been the chief Occasion of it. He was no Stranger to his personal Merit; and knowing likewise the great Interest he had at Court, he propos'd no small Advantage to himself by his Death; he being the only young Nobleman that could stand in Competition with him for Power and Superiority. As he was fully inform'd at *Mombaza*, that *Narzanes* had been sentenc'd to die, he look'd upon his Death as certain, and took the utmost Pains to persuade the whole Court of *Persia*, that far from believing there was any Possibility of saving his Life, the Emperor's Decree must by that Time, have been put in Execution. He had even prepossess'd *Narzanes* Father with so strong a Notion of his Son's fatal End, that he fell ill upon it, and continued so without any Hopes of his Recovery.

Such was the melancholy News *Narzanes* received by a second Express, with whom he immediately set

21) so set out for, ist eine Construction, die wie der französischen: *partir pour* nach einem Ort abreisen, übereinkommt.



set out for Persia, and in a few Days arriv'd ad Court, to the great Joy and Surprize of all his Acquaintance, Euryphax excepted; whose Astonishment and Pexplexity on this Occasion were inexpressible. The Father of Narzanes, as has been observ'd was now extremely ill, and scarcely able to speak. However at the sight of his Son, whom he never expected to see again, his fainting Spirits began to revive, and he felt a Pleasure within him, which, in the weak Condition he then was in he could not well express: But reaching out his Hand, he utter'd these Words in a faint and expiring Tone of Voice: „You are come too late, Narzanes; and your Presence, which I have so long, so earnestly wish'd for, has not alas! now the Power to restore me to a Life, which the News of your sad Fate has brought to its Period. Yet I die with Comfort, since you have found an Asylum; and as I have not many Hours to live, I conjoure You to consider my dying Words with the deepest Attention. Above all Things have a strict Regard to Religion: Love and honour your Prince, who is a Father to his People; and remember what you owe to your Country, which ought never to be dear to You 12). Sacrifice your Life and

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13) Vaterlandsliebe war, bekanntermaßen, die herrschende Gesinnung der alten Griechen und Römer. Und wie der Vater des Narzanes diesem seinen Sohn hier diese Tugend empfiehlt, also legt auch die ernüchterte Charfachsische Schulerordnung, für die 3. Fürstenschulen, den Lehrern derselben auf, den ihnen anvertrauten Junglingen besonders die Vaterlandsliebe einzusfloßen. Allein unser Landmann der Herr von Bar hat sich bemühet, wie dem berühmten Clericus (Art. Crit. P. II. Sect. II. c. 5. n. 16.) diese Vaterlandsliebe wo nicht aus der Liste der Tugenden auszustreichen, dieselbe doch sehr herunterzusetzen und verdächtig zu machen. Siehe dessen Epitres Diverses sur des Sujets

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„Fortune to both in case it be necessary; and never  
 „suffer Adversity to depress your Courage; let all  
 „your Actions be the Result of Judgment.“ Narzanes  
 was so oppress'd with Grief to see a fond Parent  
 in this Extremity, that he was not able to open his  
 Lips; which his Father perceiving, he continu'd as  
 follows. „Don't afflict yourself dearest Son, since  
 „it is a Tribute we must all, one Day or other, pay  
 „to Nature. I am going to leave you for a Time;  
 „but if any Thing relating to this World can give  
 „me Pleasure, after 13) I am remov'd from it, 'twill  
 „be to know that you spend your Days in the Pra-  
 „ctice of Virtue and Honour, without which no  
 „Man can be said to be truly great.“ He had no  
 sooner utter'd these Words, but his Speech fail'd  
 him; when pressing his Son to his Bosom, he expir'd  
 in his Arms.

The News of this great Man's Death was re-  
 ceiv'd with universal Concern throughout all Persia;  
 but the King was particularly affected at the Loss of  
 a Minister, of whose Merit and Abilities he was so  
 sensible, that he had always repos'd an intire Confi-  
 dence

Differens T. I. Epist. XI. *Je hinreißender seine Schreibart ist, desto  
 leichter können seine Absichtungen blenden. Wenn in der heil. Schrift  
 nicht ausdrücklich die Vaterlandsliebe als eine Tugend anbefohlen seyn  
 soll, so ist dieses ebenso eine Beschuldigung, als man dem Heilande und sei-  
 ner Lehre in Ansehung der Freundschaft gemacht hat. Jesus gab kei-  
 ne Regeln der Freundschaft, er predigte sie aber auf das reinste und  
 unbedingteste durch sein heiliges Byspiel. Eben dieses gilt von der  
 Vaterlandsliebe. Schickte er nicht seine Apostel aus zu seinen Land-  
 leuten die Juden? Mit Recht spricht Cicero: Carī sunt parentes, carī  
 liberi, propinqui, familiares; sed omnes annuum caritatem Patria vni  
 complexa est. de Offic. I. 17.*

13) Siehe die 7. Note.

dence in him. 'Twas thought at first that *Euryphax's* Father, who at that Time was the next great Man in the empire, would have been made principal Minister; and *Narzanes* himself was of the same Opinion, when a few Days after the King sent to acquaint him, that he could not give a stronger Proof of the high Esteem he ever had for his deceas'd Father, than by calling him to all his Employments. *Narzanes*, who was now left independent, with a considerable Fortune, and was far from entertaining so high an Idea of his own Capacity, as to think himself qualified for the great Trust which his Master intended to honour him with, would fain have declin'd the Offer; but the King insisted on his Compliance, and order'd him immediately to take the Administration of Affairs into his own Hands.

This young Nobleman being invested with all the Power and Authority, which his Father had before possess'd, soon convinc'd his Sovereign, that he was not unworthy of the Dignity to which he had rais'd him. He now began to shine in a Court, which had been prejudic'd against him by a false Notion, they had imbib'd of his being a very proud and indolent Man; and he had not been long at the Helm, before he acquir'd the Love and Esteem of all. He was liberal and compassionate; ever ready to redress the Grievances of the oppress'd, and relieve such as appeal'd to him for justice. In a Word, his Virtues, like the sun, diffus'd their Benevolence's universally, and could scarce be parallel'd in the wisest and most experienc'd Ministers. He trod directly in his Father's Steps, with Regard to the Government of home Affairs, but what will appear wonderful at his Years, is, that he was already so well skill'd in all foreign Nego-



Negotiations, that when any Affairs of Moment was debated in the King's Council, concerning either neighbouring Princes or foreign Nations, he was chiefly consulted; and his Opinion was generally approv'd, and usually attended with Success.

So peculiar a Talent join'd to his excellent Qualities had intitled him to the Favour and Confidence of his Prince; who daily retriev'd in the Son, what he suffer'd by the Death of the Father; and by this Time, *Narzanes* had ingratiated himself so much into his Favour, that he resolv'd to recommend a Wife to him, whose Virtue and Riches wou'd heighten considerably his Grandeur. The young Lady, whom the King design'd him, and who indeed was endow'd with many Perfections, besides a very plentiful Fortune, was the same beauteous *Almazaida*, with whom, as was before observ'd *Euryphax* was distractedly in Love, which had been the Occasion of his being sent on his Travels.

This Match being propos'd by the Emperor himself to *Narzanes*, as a thing agreeable to him, 'twas reasonable to presume the Minister would have agreed readily to so advantageous an Alliance. But whether it were that he had no Inclination to a wedded Life, or that he still harbour'd some secret Hopes of being one Day united to *Elphamira*, with whom he still carry'd on a Correspondence; whatever, I say, might be his Thoughts on this Subject, he seem'd to decline the Proposal, and desir'd his Master to allow him some Time to consider of it. The King was, willing to oblige his Favourite, but being impatient to know his Intentions, he would not indulge him a long Deliberation; and therefore soon after took an  
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Opportunity of asking him his Opinion with Regard to *Almasada*, and whether he did not think she surpass'd all the Court Ladies in Beauty. *Narzanes* perceiv'd plainly by the manner in which the King express'd himself, that he required a positive Answer to his first Proposal; and therefore, tho' he was not in Love with this charming Woman, in whose Eyes he already appear'd amiable; yet when he consider'd the numberless Obligations he ow'd his Master, who could have no other View in this, but the promoting his Minister's Interest, he was determin'd, (after some struggles to think of forgetting the generous *Elphamira*) to marry her, in order to convince his Sovereign, that he approv'd the Choice, he was pleas'd to make for him, and in all Things he was ready to submit to his Will and Pleasure.

Accordingly the Nuptials were solemniz'd some Days after, with the utmost Splendor to the intire Satisfaction of all, except *Euriphax*. The Prosperity of his Rival stung him with Envy; and the Thoughts of losing the Object of his Passion plung'd him almost into Despair. 'Tis very probable, that, had he then been able to contend with *Narzanes*, he possibly would have shewn his Resentments: But not being equal to him in any Degree, he thought fit to have Recourse to Dissimulation till such Time, as he might find an Opportunity of revenging himself, which he thought would be a Work of some Years.

But in the mean Time, as his Malice to *Narzanes* increas'd continually upon other Accounts, he propos'd a secret pleasure to himself, in privately contriving some Method by which he might disturb his

his inward Peace, since it was not in his Power to hurt his Person; and in order to succeed in his black Artifice, he thought that in case he could, by some Means or other, instill Notions of Jealousy in *Almazaida*, it would answer his present Purpose. This he effected by the Assistance of a Lady, who was very intimate with her; and told *Almazaida* all that had past in *Abyssinia* with Regard to *Elphamira*, aggravating the Whole with Circumstances, which he knew would make *Almazaida* very uneasy, particularly when she was assur'd, that *Narzanes* still held a private Correspondence with her. His Design succeeded to his Wishes. For in a short Time this Lady, by her artful Insinuations, prepossess'd the Mind of *Almazaida* with so many extravagant Notions, that she grew unwarrantably jealous of *Narzanes*, even to a degree of Madness; so that all the Endearments which they mutually enjoy'd in the Beginning of their Marriage were now turn'd into suspicious Reproaches on her Side. So sudden a Change in *Almazaida* gave *Narzanes* a Deal of Uneasiness, who us'd his utmost Endeavours to clear himself; But whatever he could say or do, 'twas all in vain; the more he labour'd to dissuade her from her Jealousy, the more it rag'd, and *Elphamira* was the perpetual Theme of her Discourse.

Thus was *Narzanes* for some Years perplex'd in his domestic Concerns, without discovering the secret Spring from whence all these Discontents flow'd; whilst on the other Hand, the King mad it his continual Study how to raise him to greater Honours, which indeed was scarce possible for him to do. For by this Time he was so highly in the Favour and Esteem of his Prince, and his Power so unlimited, that



that he govern'd under the Monarch the whole Kingdom, without a Competitor. But of what Avail is all the Pomp and Glitter of Fortune to a troubl'd Breast! The Love and Jealousy of his Wife were now become a Torment to him. For tho' her Jealousy, like a raging Distemper, was grown to such a Head <sup>14)</sup> as not to be immediately cur'd, yet it did not lessen her Love, which also was of a most extravagant Cast; so that with these jarring Passions of Almazaida, and the intricate Affairs of State, he was then employ'd in, he had enough to do, to behave towards every one with that Evenness of Temper which usually gave a Grace to his whole Conduct.

He had two Children by Almazaida, a Son and a Daughter; of whose Education she took an uncommon Care, in order to recommend herself the more to his Affection; and in all Probability, they would have been crown'd with Felicity, had not Euryphax by so barbarous a Contrivance, sow'd these Seeds of Discord in his Family. However, Nerzanes being a Man of great Wisdom and Discretion he conceal'd Almazaida's Weakness from the Knowledge of the World; and as he was naturally complaisant, he bore her various Caprices with all the good Humour imaginable.

About this Time, the Treasurer General of Persia, Father to Euryphax was seiz'd with an Illness, of which he shortly died; and as this was a Place of great Trust, there were many Competitors for it. But the King, who was a judicious Prince, would

14) Diese Stelle wird überhaupt schon durch diese Allegorie so  
grew to a Head wird eigentlich von Geschwüren gesagt, wenn sie  
ihren tödtliche Reife erlangen.

not dispose of that Employment, till he had first consider'd, who was the fittest Person to fill it. Amongst others, *Euryphax*, who was of a vain and ambitious Character, being of Opinion, that the King could not refuse him his Father's Employment, without doing him the greatest Injustice, made a vigorous Application to him for the Grant of it. But setting aside his Years, which were then under thirty, he had no Abilities, which might intitle him to a Place of this Trust; for which Reason the King gave him a flat Denial. This Monarch, who was well skill'd in the Knowledge of Men; had for some Days cast his Eyes round the Court, in ordre to make choice of an able Treasurer; but could think of no Body 15) so deserving of it as *Narzanes*, and accordingly he declar'd his Intention to him. This generous Minister being sufficiently satisfied with the Favours which his Sovereign had indulg'd him, and not willing to engross all his Bounties to himself, he therefore made a proper Apology for his Refusal of the great Honour he intended him; and earnestly desir'd him to confer it on *Euryphax*, who he said, had no Preferment, and was then suing for some: but the King would not be prevail'd on by any Means, so that *Narzanes* was forc'd, tho' with the utmost Reluctance to acquiesce with his Will and Pleasure.

*Euryphax*, who was of a turbulent and fiery Spirit, seeing all his Expectations thus frustrated, immediately revolv'd a thousand vile Projects in his Mind, in Prejudice to *Narzanes*, all which he only waited for an Opportunity of putting in Execution. He now saw his Rival in Possession of the only two Things, which could have gratify'd his Vanity and Am-

15) Niemand. Body eigentlich der Leib. Allein so wohl im ge. — — —  
als im lat. corpora, werden auch fuer Personen gesetzt.

Ambition, the Lady whom he lov'd with the utmost Excess, and his Father's Post, and notwithstanding the Pains this Minister had taken, to make him sensible that he had us'd his utmost Interest <sup>16)</sup> with his Sovereign in his behalf; and that he would not have accepted of this last Employment, had not the King laid his absolute Commands upon him for that Purpose. Yet Euryphax was unwilling to believe that he had the least Obligation to Narzanes; but rather look'd upon him as his most inveterate enemy; an Opinion he had no other Grounds for, but his own wicked Imagination. However he had Policy enough to conceal his secret Dissatisfaction, lest the other should guard himself against his pernicious Designs.

*Narzanes* being now possess'd of the two first Posts in the Kingdom for Power and Interest, had the whole Affairs of the *Persian* Nation committed to his Management; and indeed it may be said, that he was as upright in the Administration of the one, as he had been successful in the other. For he had not been *High Treasurer* many Months before he increas'd the Revenues considerably, and highly distinguish'd himself by the wise Choice he made of his Subalterns. In a Word, No Minister before him had ever made so great a Figure in the *Persian* empire, and his Master esteem'd himself happy in such a Subject.

Such was the Posture of Affairs in that empire, when a neighbouring *Prince*, who was very powerful, declar'd War against the Emperor of *Persia*, and had already march'd his Forces into the Emperor's  
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16) ungeachtet der Muehe, die sich der Minister gegeben hatte, ihn zu ueberzeugen, dass er sein aeusserstes Aussehen bey seinem Herrn, zu seinem Vortheil, angewandt etc.



Dominions, before any considerable Preparations could instantly be made for so sudden an Irruption. However by the Diligence and Activity of *Narzanes*, a potent and flourishing Army soon enter'd the Field, in Order to oppose the Designs of the Enemy. The Beginning of this War prov'd fortunate, and the Persian Arms, were for some Years victorious; till at last, several other Princes having enter'd into an offensive Alliance, they poured in upon the Persian Territories like a Torrent; and had like 17) to have caus'd a general Destruction throughout the whole Kingdom. This unhappy Turn began to create mighty Divisions in Persia; and many seditious and disaffected Persons made this a Handle to fly in the Face of the Ministry. *Euryphax* had not as yet unmask'd himself, but was plotting underhand against *Narzanes*; and fancied he had now met with a fair Opportunity of working his Ruin. The two chief Men with whom he inter'd into a Cabal were *Alharzaman* who had formerly held a Place under his Father in the Treasury; and *Salem* then Governour of Sigistan, both of the Persian Monarch's Privy Council. These three Men could not behold the rising greatness of *Narzanes* without Envy. They were equally proud, hot-headed and ambitious; and ready for any desperate Attempt, in which they might secure themselves, and promote the Downfal of others.

*Euryphax* now enjoy'd a very plentiful Fortune left him by his Father, which plac'd him above Dependence; but his extravagant Way of living, and the large Sums of Money he employ'd in keeping up the Spirit of a factious Party, soon convinc'd him, that his Estate was not sufficient to support his Expenses,

17) Siehe die 10te Anmerkung.

ees, and that nothing less than the Administration of the Treasury, could gratify his Ambition, and give success to his Designs. This was the only Object he aim'd at, and therefore resolv'd by some stratagem or other, to bring his vile project to bear. His two other Associates, who were Men of the same wicked Principles, and had also their own private Views, did not in the least doubt, but he being made High-Treasurer, they of Course would be promoted to the Dignity of Secretaries of State; and thus they all three in Concert conspir'd the Ruin of *Narzanes*, and had, as is the Custom of all such wild Projectors, dispos'd before Hand of his several Employments to themselves, as tho' their Design could not possibly meet with Disappointment.

But during this Interval, a remarkable Incident happen'd, which for some Time put a stop to the Proceedings of these factious Men. As the good or ill Success of Affairs in a Nation, is generally imputed to the Conduct of a Ministry; so long as Government is prosperous and flourishing, the Minister, who presides, is applauded, and almost worshipp'd, whether the Happiness they enjoy be owing to his Management or not: on the other Side, if Affairs prove unsuccessful, the same *Great Man*, who, but a Moment before was the Idol of the People, is now aspersed, vilified, and condemn'd right or wrong, and not the least Regard had to his past Services. This was almost *Narzanes's* Case, who upon every little Turn of Fortune was exclaim'd against, and insulted by an ignorant Multitude; whilst his Sovereign, who was thoroughly sensible of the Integrity and Ability of his Minister, never laid any of those Reverses to his Charge, but approv'd all his Measures, which were

well concerted, and encourag'd him so far in the Execution of them as to be answerable himself for the Events.

However the Persian Affairs were now at a very low Ebb, when, in the Beginnig of the Year, the confederate Princes, with their innumerable Forces, had overrun a considerable Part of the Country; and propos'd, in a Campaign or two, to subdue the whole Empire. On the other Hand, Narzanes, who was inform'd of their Designs took care to re-inforce the Persian Army with the choicest Troops of the Nation, which he had call'd from the remote Provinces, where he apprehended no Danger from any Incurfion of the Enemy. Thus prepar'd on both Sides, they enter'd the Field; and the First Battle that was fought, decided the Fate of Persia. For after a bloody Engagement, which began at Day break, and lasted till the setting of the Sun, the Persian Army gain'd a complete Victory over the united Princes, whose scatter'd Forces were pursu'd with so much Vigour, that they were oblig'd to quit the Persian Dominions.

This joyful News being brought by an Exprest to Court, where they were very dubious of the Event, gave a new Turn to Narzanes's Affairs, as well as to those of the Emperor. For the success of this great Victory was immediately ascrib'd to the wise and prudent Measures of his Minister. And those Persons who were labouring secretly at his Ruin, were now struck with Confusion to see and hear him universally applauded. Yet the more the World extoll'd his Wisdom and Merit, the sharper Edge it gave their Malice and Hatred, and tho' they did not dare to shoot their Venom at him openly, yet these restless Conspirators villai-



vilainously imploy'd their dark Emissaries to blacken and defame his Character.

Nevertheless this wise Statesman stood his Ground, with uncommon Resolution; and pursued all his Measures with unparallel'd Courage. He had now acquir'd a large Experience, and was no Stranger to the Intrigues of a Court, tho' he himself abhorr'd the Practice of them, and as he was not tainted with any ungenerous Passion, he had a Soul above employing base Methods to revenge the Injuries of his Enemies. Accordingly he bore their abusive Reproaches unmov'd, and was so conscious of his Integrity, that he would not even suffer any one to write in his Defence, or make the least Reply to the numberless scandalous Libels which were daily publish'd, from dark Corners against him; but was often heard to say, that he look'd with Pity on the wretch'd Authors of them, and only wish'd, they could employ their Pens more to their Credit: whence we may infer, that a Man whose Heart and Hands are pure, is above taking Notice of those foul Inventions, that are hatch'd to his Prejudice, and which flow wholly from a Spirit of Rancour.

By this time the Persian Empire was again restor'd to its former Tranquillity, and every Thing at home seem'd to promise a lasting Peace. But the Affairs abroad wore a different Aspect: for the neighbouring Princes, who had been defeated the foregoing Year, exasperated at their ill Success, and jealous of the Persian Grandeur, were resolv'd to inter into a stronger Alliance, and call in other Powers to their Assistance. *Narzanes* having receiv'd timely Notice of the great Reparations they were making for a second Invasion, took proper Measures for securing the empire from

their the Attempts: and as he had the Army at his Devotion, and the Treasury at Command, he could easily bring Matters to bear at home 18); but the Difficulty was how to cause such Diversions without Doors, as might check the Designs of the Enemy.

Here he projected an Expedient within himself, which, if successful, would redound greatly to the Advantage of his King and Country. As he had carry'd on a Correspondence for several Years with *Elphamira*, meerly out of Gratitude and Friendship, and that her Father who had entertain'd him in so courteous and splendid a Manner, during his Residence at the *Abyssinian* Court, was now rais'd to the Dignity of President of the Emperor's Council, an Employment of greatest Power and Interest: *Narzanes* was of Opinion, that in Case an Alliance could be concluded between the *Emperor* and the *King* his Master, it would be of important service to the Persian Government at this juncture. And for this Purpose he immediately dispatch'd a Person in whom he could confide, with proper Instructions to *Elphamira*, who was to communicate them to her Father, and by his interest endeavour to bring about this grand Alliance.

*Elphamira*, who was a Lady of a superior Genius, and had a better Notion of political Negotiations than Women generally have, was pleased with being entrusted with the Management of an Affair, which might turn to the Advantage of *Narzanes*, for whom she

18) Er konnte leicht Sachen zu Hause zu Stande bringen. Demat Home wird hier without Doors entgegengesetzt, sonst: abroad draussen, ausserhalb des Landes. Kurz zuvor heisst: to bring a project to Bear; Einen Entwurf zu Stande bringen, eigentlich: zum tragen, oder zum gebachren. cf. p. 51. oben.

she ever entertain'd a sincere Esteem. The Moment she receiv'd his Proposals, she took the Business in Hand, and by her wise and well concerted Measures, brought over her Father entirely to the Emperor of Persia's Interest.

But a Negotiation of this Kind, could not be carry'd on without a considerable Charge to the Crown; and as the War had already been vastly expensive, the King's Exchequer was now very much drain'd; which put Narzanes to some Difficulty, how to raise the necessary Supplies for the present Exigencies. He was unwilling to lay new Taxes on the People; and yet the Treasury had not sufficient, at this Time, to pay the Army at Home, and furnish him with such Sums, as he was oblig'd to send abroad, for the support of this weighty Alliance with the Abyssinian Monarch, whose Council would not come into the *King of Persia's* Measures without a handsome Consideration, besides the Maintenance of the auxiliary Forces, who were to be paid at the King's Expence. However, as Narzanes was possess'd of immense Riches, and prefer'd the Interest of his Sovereign and the good of his Country to all other Considerations, he resolv'd upon so worthy an Action, as perhaps no Minister had ever done before him.

Here upon, without communicating his Design to any one, he immediately rais'd a large Sum of Money out of his own Capital Funds; and having made such Remittances to Elphamira as were agreed upon, her Father undertook to manage the Affair with the Members of the Emperor's Council, to whom he made such Presents as he thought proper; by which Means this important Alliance was soon com-



pleted, to the entire Satisfaction of the King of Persia, and the whole Nation in general.

This Masterstroke of Policy, which had been concerted with all imaginable Secrecy, broke the whole Measures of the confederate Princes, whose forces were already upon their March. For as the *Empire of Abyssinia* border'd almost upon their Dominions, they were apprehensive, that whilst they should be carrying their Arms into Persia, the *Abyssinian Monarch*, with a formidable Army, would instantly fall upon their small Kingdoms, and make himself Master of them, before ever they could be able to make Head against him. These Considerations prevail'd with them to lay aside the Execution of their Design; so that instead of attempting any farther Acts of Hostility against the Persians, they made the first Proposals, towards an Accommodation, which in time brought about a most advantageous Peace to the Persian Emperor.

*Narzanes*, in the mean Time, could not break the seditious Spirit of his Enemies at Home. He was perpetually serving his *King* and *Country* at the Expence of his own Fortune, and without any View of Reward; whilst a Set of selfish and ambitious Men, who were prompted by no other Views but those of self Interest were contriving his Destruction. *Euryphax* was at the Head of this factious Party, who were now encreas'd to a great Number; he having drawn into his pernicious Cabal, several Members of the King's Council, with many other disaffected Persons, who were all as desperate as himself, and equally ready to promote Mischieff. These insatiable Creatures could not be at Rest, unless they had the Administration of Affairs in their own Hands; and  
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were angry to find that *Narzanes* could so happily govern the State, and complete all Schemes without their Assistance and Participation. And what incens'd them still more, was to find that all their Under-hand-oppositions, and open Provocations, could not once ruffle his steady Temper.

After what has been observ'd with regard to the Conduct of *Narzanes*; we may naturally suppose that this great *Minister* had made no Addition to his Fortune; but on the contrary, had very much impair'd it, in the secret Services of his *Sovereign* and his Country, tho' his *Antagonists* were of a quite different Opinion. For as he was free from all Vanity and Ostentation, he had conceal'd the Merit of his Negotiations from the Knowledge of the Public; and been cautious even of acquainting the Emperor his Master, that he had purchas'd the Abyssinian Alliance with his own Money; lest he should think it were merely out of Selfinterest, and with a Design of obtaining new Favours. This gave a Handle to *Narzanes's* Enemies to make a strict Enquiry into the state of the Treasury, which, for the Reasons above mention'd had for some Time been pretty much drain'd.

'Twould be needless to take Notice of all the little undermining Arts, which were now employ'd by those designing Men, in Ordre to blacken the Character of the best of *Ministers*, whose greatest Pleasure was to do good, even to his most inveterate Enemies; not that he was afraid of them, or propos'd to recommend himself to their Favour and Approbation, by some generous Act; but because it was a fix'd Maxim with him, that he ought to treat Mankind in general with good Nature and Humanity,

*Euryphax* himself, as also *Salem* and *Alharzathan*, his two principal Associates, had experienc'd his Benevolence towards them, he having on several Occasions sollicit'd his Prince in their Behalf, who had rais'd them to great Preferment at *Narzanes*'s Request. But his unparallel'd Goodness was intirely thrown away on these ungrateful Disturbers of the public Peace, who could not bear to see any one in Power but themselves.

However *Persia*, which for several Years had labour'd under the Inconveniency of a very expensive War, was at last restor'd to a flourishing Condition, by the wise and prudent Administration of this zealous Patriot, who aspir'd at no higher Glory than that of being serviceable to his Country and his King. But as he had hitherto employ'd his whole Time to this Purpose, and had found no Leisure Hours to attend his own private Concerns; he began to think that a Recess from public Business was the only Step could secure him a perfect tranquillity during the Remainder of his Days. He was intirely reconcil'd to *Almazaida*'s Humour, who now had found out her Error, and was reclaim'd from her former jealousy; and as she had brought him a Son and a Daughter who were grown up, and adorn'd with all the Virtues, which embellish human nature; he propos'd to himself a real satisfaction in a retir'd Life, where he might cultivate their excellent Inclinations; and govern his Family, free from those Dangers and Difficulties which generally attend the Management of State Affairs.

In this Disposition of Mind, *Narzanes* took an Opportunity of communicating his intentions to the Em-



Emperor; whom he told with all imaginable Submission, that the only Reward he desir'd for his past Labours, was to have Leave to resign all his Employments, and retire into the Country. But the *Persian Monarch* was so well acquainted with the great Capacity and shining Qualities of his Minister, to comply with his Request; and therefore refused absolutely to indulge it; adding, that he wonder'd how he could propose to forsake him, since he might be persuaded there was not another Person in the Realm, in whom he could repose so much Confidence. So gracious a Reply from a Sovereign to a Subject would have rais'd the Vanity of any other Man: But *Narzanes*, all whose Actions were grounded upon the most just principles, receiv'd this handsome Denial with a more than ordinary Concern; and could have wish'd he had less Share in his Prince's Favour and Affection. The Integrity of this great Minister was now so well grafted in the Opinion of his Master, that one would have thought it almost impossible to be remov'd by any Stratagem that could be invented; but Virtue itself tho' guarded by Power is never secure from the base Attempts of Envy and Detraction. For now *Narzanes's* Greatness is assaulted on every Side. His vile Opposers are contriving not only to ruin his Reputation and dispossess him of his Employments, but are even plotting against his Life. *Euriphax* and his Party had brib'd some of the Subalterns of the Treasury, which was the only Repository of all the Royal and National Funds in Persia; by which Means they obtain'd a very imperfect Abstract of the Accounts which had been pass'd in that Office, from the Beginning of *Narzanes's* presiding in it, to that Time

me. And after having strictly enquir'd into the whole Affair, they found a great Deficiency in the Revenues, which they immediately imputed to the Mal-Administation of the Treasurer; and accordingly thought that a good Foundation for an Impeachment but not of Weight sufficient to compass their wicked design. Therefore *Euryphax*, who had been very active in discovering the Correspondence, which was carried on between *Narzanes* and *Elphamira*, having intercepted some Letters relating to Remittances of Money and political Negotiations, contriv'd to have others forg'd to the same Purpose; in which it was intimated that *Narzanes* had remitted considerable Sums into *Abyssinia*, and that he himself intended soon to take a Journey thither, in ordre to dissolve the Alliance which had been made with that Emperor; and enter into Confederacy with other Princes, who were now ready to enter the Kingdom of Persia. These Letters tho' anonymous, were suppos'd to be written by *Narzanes* and *Elphamira*; and this Scheme was so artfully manag'd, that *Euryphax* had even impos'd upon most of his Party, so far as to persuade them that these Letters, were genuine; no body being let into the Secret, but his Bosom Friends *Salem* and *Alharzaman* who were chiefly concern'd with him in carrying on this black Conspiracy.

One Circumstance to be observ'd here, is, that the Emperor of Persia, having repos'd an intire Confidence in his Minister, had therefore never requir'd him to produce the Particulars of such Sums as had been expended in carrying on the War, in forming Alliances, and other secret Services; but relying so much on his Integrity, was throughly satisfied with his

his Conduct in general. And as to *Narzanes*, whose Actions had already prov'd him the greatest Man of the Age, both for the Practice of all the moral Virtues, and his powerful Skill in the Arts of Governments; it could never be surmis'd that he would in any Manner deceive his Prince, and employ the public Funds to his own private use, since he had given so many Proofs to the contrary. But as he was sensible that a *Minister*, in all political Transactions, ought to carry on his Designs with the utmost Secrecy; he so strictly observ'd this Maxim, that he scarce intrusted any Person with his Negotiations; but kept private journals written with his own Hand, of every Particular, that had been transacted during his Administration, which made it almost impossible for any one to dive into the State of Affairs without his Knowledge. And certainly a *Minister* who acts upon these Principles is not to be blam'd; nor is his Candeur and Honesty to be disputed, because he is throughly vers'd in *Politicks*; since that Talent discreetly manag'd, is the only Support of a *Government*. But the Conduct of a *Minister*, be his Actions ever so good and glorious, can never please ambitious Men; who, to gratify their Passions are always ready to destroy the best concerted Schemes, and lay them open to the Enemies of their Country. For at this very Juncture, whilst *Narzanes* was taking the best Measures possible, to secure an advantageous and lasting Peace to the Nation, whose Welfare he had so much at Heart; *Euryphax* and his *Adherents* were traiterously carrying on a secret Correspondence, with foreign *Powers*. They had represented the *National* Affairs to them in a very false Light, and bouy'd them up with the Hopes of an approaching Civil - War in *Persia*, which was  
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the only Thing the confederate *Princes* could wish for, in order to form some new Attempt against the *Empire*. And this horrid Contrivance had like to 19) have obstructed all *Narzaner's* Measures; as it not only caus'd a general Stagnation in Trade, but also put the *Crown* to very unnecessary Expences, which might other ways have been avoided.

Such was the infectious Spirit that rag'd in Euryphax and his *Party*, which by their false inventions 20) and malicious Insinuations had already tainted a considerable Part of the Nation, especially the worthless Part of it; who daily clamour'd not only against the Minister, but even against the Emperor himself, for no other Reason, but because they were not let into the Secrets of his Government; as tho' a Prince were not at Liberty to chuse his own Minister; when chosen, were to be accountable for his Actions to the prying Multitude; and oblig'd to gratify their impertinent Curiosity, by disclosing his *Master's* Secrets, which in the Opinion of every Man of common sense must absolutely tend, not only to the immediate Prejudice of a State, but at last prove his Destruction. And if this were the Case, what King would ever find a Minister to assist him in

19) Siehe die 10. Anmerkung.

20) In der Originalausgabe, wovon gegenwärtiger kleiner Roman abgedruckt worden, stand das mir unbekannte Wort *inuendos* mit Curfivbuchstaben von dem uebrigen unterschieden. Ich hielt es fuer einen Druckfehler, womit dieses kleine Stueck ueberhaeuft war. Vnd da nicht weit unten *false Inventions* dem Euryphax wieder beygelegt werden so zweifle ich gar nicht, dass der Verfasser also geschrieben habe. Ein fremdes Wort kann es auch kaum seyn. So wohl in Spanischen als Italienischen heisst eine Erfindung; *Invento*.

In the weighty Cares of Government? And what Minister would ever undertake so hazardous a Project, since he must perpetually be exposed, either to forfeit his Prince's Favour, by disclosing his secret Negotiations, or incur the People's Hatred for not revealing them? and thus either Way sink under a Burden too heavy for his Shoulders; and right or wrong fall a Sacrifice to the disaffected Party.

Now after what has been observ'd, 'twould not be natural to suppose, that such a Set of Men as compos'd Euryphax's Party, would have the least Regard either to the Wisdom of a Prince in his Choice of a faithful and able Minister, or to the Integrity and conspicuous Merit of that Minister, in whom he thought fit to repose a Confidence. We shall therefore see the Methods which they employ'd to undermine and destroy him.

Euryphax being Master of all the Address and Subtlety requisite for the Ringleader of a Faction; and having ready Money enough to gratify those whose Assistance he wanted for the carrying on his destructive Design, began now to take off the Mask and declare himself Narzance's Enemy. He had prepar'd Articles of Impeachment against him, all which were grounded upon *false Inventions* of his own; and these he laid before the Emperor's Council, most of whom were already prejudic'd against this great Minister, merely by Euryphax's Flattery, and artful Insinuations, who had so far impos'd upon their Credulity, as to persuade them that he was guilty of the Crimes he laid to his Charge, and that his Doom was inevitable; which, with his specious Promises, that they in Conjunction with himself, should

should govern the Nation after *Narzanes* Fall, had wrought so strongly upon them, that they blindly acquiesc'd to what ever he propos'd.

The *Emperor*, who all this Time had not been appriz'd of the vile Designs which were carrying on against his *Minister*, had Occasion to call a Council upon some Affairs of Moment, who met at the Time appointed: But before the *Emperor* could explain his Intention, they began to exclaim heavily against his *Minister*, who was present, and accus'd him with being a Traitor to his Country and other high Crimes. *Eutyphax*, *Salem*, and *Alharzaman*, had undertaken to open the Charge; and as they were Men of a smooth Tongue, they had work'd up their Speeches with so much Art, and in so specious a Manner, that no Body could have suspected them guilty of the least Falshood or Disguise. And indeed the whole Council were almost perswaded, that their Accusations were true. The *Emperor* himself was startled at first to hear these Men lay open such a Scene of Villainy, attended with so many plausible Circumstances: But being a Prince of great Prudence and Moderation, he was resolv'd not to give his Judgment, till he had thoroughly examin'd the whole Matter.

*Narzanes* who had been inform'd of what was hatching against him, and was conscious of his own Innocence, heard them with a Calm, which no Danger or Adversity was able to ruffle; and when they had done speaking, he ask'd them if they had any Thing farther to alledge against him; but the Council being silent, he made a handsome Speech in which he laid open their base, and unjustifiable Proceedings; but said very little in his own Defence, hinting only,  
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that as the greatest Part of them were concern'd in the Accusation, they were therefore unqualified to be his Judges; and that in his high Station he was accountable for his Actions to God and his *Sovereign* only: Then turning to his *Master*, he told him that he was ready to answer in private, any Question his *Majesty* would please to ask him. Upon which there arose great Debates in the Council, who look'd upon *Narzanes's* Behaviour as an Act of the highest Contempt; and therefore would at that very Instant have nominated Judges to try him as a *State Criminal*; but this Motion being overruled by the Emperor and some of his Counsellors; *Euryphax* was very hot upon this Occasion, and mov'd that *Narzanes* might be immediately confin'd under a strong Guard, lest he should attempt to make his Escape, before they could bring him to Justice; which Motion was approv'd by a Majority, and accordingly it was resolv'd that his Person should be secur'd till he might be brought to a Trial.

The *Emperor*, notwithstanding all his Power and Authority, could not prevent the Execution of this Order; and therefore thought it prudent not to oppose the Council, till such time as he could find an Opportunity to allay this raging Storm; but in the mean while he sent for some of his principal Officers, and order'd them to go forthwith to *Narzanes's* House and set his Royal Signet on all his Books and Papers, which was accordingly done.

This wise Prince, having taken proper Measures to prevent any Violence from being offer'd to the Person of his *Minister*, to whom he perceiv'd the *Party* bore a most inveterate Malice, summon'd the  
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Council to attend him on a certain Day; when upon mature Deliberation, he order'd *Narzanes's* Accusers to produce their Articles of Impeachment, which the *Emperor* himself perus'd; and having consider'd the whole, he told them that justice should be done; and that his *Minister* should take his Trial in a fair and legal Manner; Judges being appointed to that Purpose. But at the same Time he declar'd with a solemn Oath, that in Case *Narzanes* should be clear'd of the Crimes, they charg'd him with, his Accusers should undergo the same Punishment they intended to inflict upon him. The *Party* was highly offended at this severe Declaration: And some of them, who were not so hot as the Rest, and did not expect any great Advantage from this Combination, began to repent they had ever been concern'd in it. But *Euryphax* and his chief Adherents, as they were desperate Men and Slaves to their Ambition, they were resolv'd to pursue their wicked Design, what ever might befall them.

Hence we may see the fatal Consequences of a factious Spirit, which prompts Men to build their Fortune upon the Ruin of others. When once they involve themselves in cruel and unlawful Practices, and have carried their Malice and Envy to such Lengths as to become odious and contemptible to all Men of Honour, they are deaf to the Voice of Reason, and run all Hazards to succeed in their abominable Attempts, without even so much as providing for their own Safety: a Lesson to all rash and ambitious *Competitors*, if we may give them so soft a Name.

In the mean Time, *Narzanes* bore his Confinement with undaunted Steadiness of Mind: So happy  
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it is for a Man to be conscious to himself, that he has always acted pursuant to the Dictates of Honour and Justice. He was sensible that his Books and private Journals when produc'd, would clear him of all the false Imputations which were laid to his Charge: but then he at the same Time knew, that in case his secret Negotiations should once be expos'd to public View, 'twould prove very detrimental to the Welfare of the *Persian* Nation, and prejudice his Sovereign's Interest in *Abyssinia*; where he himself, at this very Juncture, supported the Alliance at his own Expense, by the Pensions he paid annually to several Members of that *Monarch's* Council: a Circumstance he had not communicated to the *Emperor* his Master; who, had he known it, would have set a just Value on this important Service.

Now to show how artful a turbulent and factious Person may be in the Contrivance to his Purposes; Euryphax had hit upon one of the most hellish Inventions which had like to have compleated *Narzanes's* Ruin. As he was well inform'd of the secret Correspondence he carried on with the *Abyssinian* Court, he did not doubt but there were several Authentick *Writings* and *Memorials* among his Papers, which might justify him upon his Trial: But as the *Imperial* Seal had been put upon them, and consequently they were not to be view'd, he thought in case he could find out Means to burn his House down, they would be consum'd in the Flames; and here by put it out of his Power to clear himself. To this End he brib'd some of his Creatures, whom he order'd to go by Night in Disguise, and set fire to the several Entrances of *Narzanes's* House, to prevent the People from getting in to give Assistance, which horrid Project was executed with the utmost



Dispatch and Secrecy. But Providence was so favourable to *Narzanes*, that timely Notice having been brought to the *Emperor*, he sent a Party of his Guards to the House, with Orders to save the most valuable Part of the Furniture, and particularly the Books and Papers that were mark'd with his Seal, and bring them immediately to the Palace, which was accordingly perform'd.

By this Time, a multitude of People, notwithstanding the Opposition of the Guards, were enter'd the House in Order to plunder it; and some of them having laid hold of what ever came first in their Way were going off with their Booty; when among others a Man richly laden was seiz'd, and upon strict Examination, finding him to be one of the Incendiaries, he was secur'd and put into Irons. *Euryphax* had his Emissaries all this while, who from time to time gave him an Account how things past on this Occasion, and hearing that one of the Incendiaries was taken, it struck him at first; but his Uneasiness was soon over, when he reflected, that he had made, as he imagin'd, a Party strong enough in the Council to complete his execrable Design.

The Day appointed for *Narzanes's* Trial being now at Hand, great Preparations were making for it. The *Emperor* had order'd a considerable Body of Men to be drawn up within the Courts of his Palace, to prevent any popular Commotions; and having summon'd the Judges and Council, he repair'd thither as usual, that the several Formalities of Justice might be observ'd on this Occasion. *Euryphax* on his side had muster'd up a Crowd of *Miscreants* and false Witnesses, who, he flatter'd himself were ready to swear and set their Hands to all the Depositions that should be made against *Narzanes*, and thus

thus the Trial began. But the *Emperor* would not suffer the Seals to be taken from the Papers, till he had heard what his Accusers had to say. *Euryphax* open'd the Charge and was seconded by *Salem* and *Alharzamus*; after which several other Persons were examin'd when Matters seem'd to go so very hard against *Narzanes*, that the *Emperor* himself scarce knew what to think; nevertheless, when he consider'd the Calm and Serenity he discover'd in his Behaviour, at a Time when his Life was in Danger, he could not be perswaded that he was guilty. The Council indeed, being misled by false Informations, and prejudic'd against this great Man, were of a different Opinion, and had already pronounc'd that his Crime deserv'd Death.

But as *Traitors* seldom prove true to their Fellow-Conspirators, it happen'd that those Men being call'd in, who were to prove *Narzanes's* and *Elphatira's* Hand-writing to the Letters and Papers which *Euryphax* had produc'd; they would not answer to their Examination till they were assur'd in the *Emperor's* Name, that provided they would declare the Truth of what they knew, with Regard to those Writings, in case they had been guilty of any Malepractice, they should obtain a free Pardon. Upon which, as they were asham'd of the abominable Act wherein they had been already concern'd, and their Conscience flying in their Faces, they could no longer resolve to be the Instruments of shedding innocent Blood, but readily confess'd that all those Letters were forg'd and that they themselves had drawn them up, by the Instigation of *Euryphax*. At the same Time, one of the Incendiaries, who had made his Escape after having set fire to *Narzanes's* House, came voluntarily and depos'd before the *Emperor* and

Council, that three other Men in Conjunction with himself had receiv'd a certain Sum of Money from *Euryphax*, upon Condition that they should put this detestable Villainy in Execution.

These unexpected Depositions gave a new Turn, to the whole Affair; upon which the *Emperor* immediately order'd that the several Books and Writings belonging to *Narzanes* should be produc'd; when the Seals being taken off, they were laid open to the Perusal of the Council, who afterwards comparing some of *Narzanes* and *Elphamira's* Letters, with those which *Euryphax* had fram'd for his Accusation, the Forgery was manifest; and upon Examination of one of the Books it plainly appear'd, that this *injur'd Minister*, so far from having embezel'd the public Funds, had, on the contrary, expended very large Sums of his own Money for the Service of the Crown, which was then considerably indebted to him. So many undeniable Proofs were more than sufficient to convince all Men of *Narzanes's* Integrity, and root out every Suspicion. But let us see in what Manner his Accusers, who were now fill'd with Despair and Confusion, will extricate themselves. The *Emperor* insisted that all those, who had employ'd so many villainous Engines to ruin his *Minister*, should be brought to condign Punishment; and having declar'd his Royal Intentions to the Judges and Council; 'twas determin'd that as the Evidence was strong enough against them for their Conviction, they should all be condemn'd to die without any farther Tryal, and their Estates confiscated to the Use of *Narzanes*.

Here this great *Minister* might have triumph'd completely over his Enemies, and have fully reveng'd himself of all their Malice and Treachery:

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But so far from taking any Advantage of the Power and Authority to which he was now restor'd, he employ'd it in their Favour, and used his utmost Interest with the Sovereign, in order to obtain their Pardon. However, as such notorious Crimes, when committed with Impunity, often prove as dangerous to a State in general, as to a Minister in particular; the Emperor judg'd that it was consistent both with Prudence and Justice to make a public Example of them, and accordingly a Day was appointed for their Execution.

In the mean Time we shall see an other Instance of *Narzanes's* generous Disposition in the Person of his inveterate Enemy. He could not think with unconcern of *Euryphax's* being put to Death, tho' he had been the Author of all these Evils; and therefore resolv'd if possible to save his Life. With this Design he waited on the Emperor, to whom he said, that all the Honours he had conferr'd on him were merely of his bestowing; that his Majesty was sensible he had never sued for any single Employment, or ask'd any Favour for himself; but that now he had a Request to make him, which, if granted, would lay him under greater Obligations to his Majesty, than all the Instances he had before receiv'd of his goodness. This Prince, not knowing what his Minister had to propose, told him, that in Return for the considerable Services he had done the Crown and Nation, he could not well deny him any Thing; upon which *Narzanes* address'd him in Behalf of *Euryphax*, and used the strongest Arguments imaginable to extenuate his Crime, which he imputed wholly to the many Disappointments he had met with, and withal represented earnestly to his Sovereign that 'twas much more glorious to give, than to take

away Life; and concluded with assuring him that this was the last Favour he would ask of his Majesty, either for himself or any other Person.

The *Emperor* was astonish'd at the generous Conduct of his *Minister*, towards an Enemy, who had us'd him so barbarously; and would have offer'd some substantial Reasons for not complying with his Request: but *Narzanes* pleaded for *Euryphax* in such persuasive Terms that he at last obtain'd Mercy. This incomparable *Man* endeavour'd also to procure a Pardon for *Salem* and *Alharzaman*; but here the *Emperor* was deaf to all his Intreaties; so that, in few Days after, they were both executed according to their Sentence, together with some other Criminals, who had been concern'd in this abominable Plot.

After the good Nature and Generosity which *Narzanes* had extended to *Euryphax*, and the many Steps he had taken to save his Life and restore him to his Fortune; it were but reasonable to suppose, that Gratitude alone would have made some Impression on his stubborn Spirit, and have reclaim'd him from those vicious Inclinations, which had so long led him to the Practice of all that was base and wicked. But when we consider how seldom the violent Impulses of Envy and Ambition are suppressed when indulg'd by Men, who have no Regard either to Virtue or Honour; we shall not at all wonder at the Manner in which the ungenerous *Euryphax* acknowledg'd so great an Obligation.

On the very Day that *Narzanes* had obtain'd his Pardon, he himself went to the Place, where he was confin'd, and told him that he was very sorry any thing happen'd that could give him the least uneasiness; and that as he was willing to forget what ever was past in Relation to himself, he hop'd  
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to find him in the same Frame of Mind. That he was now come to acquaint him, that upon his Intercession, the *Emperor* had granted him his Life; and that the only Thing he desir'd in Return was his Friendship. *Euryphax* thunderstruck at the Sight of *Narzanes* was for some Time speechless: but recovering from his Surprize, he fix'd his Eyes on him, and with a furious Countenance told him, that he could not bear his Presence without Horror; that of all the Misfortunes, which ever had befallen him, none could be so afflicting, as the being indebted to him for his Life; that his Soul was stung with the bitterest Remorse; and that he preferr'd Death to the greatest Honours the *Emperor* could bestow on him. Saying these Words, he drew out a Dagger, which he had conceal'd under his Robe, and plung'd it in his own Bosom in the Presence of *Narzanes*. Thus fell that perfidious Man, who, for so many Years had been labouring at the Destruction of this excellent *Minister*; and at last receiv'd from his own Hand the Punishment due to his complicated Guilt.

By this Time *Persians* were become formidable to their Enemies abroad, and enjoy'd a happy Peace at Home; being now deliver'd from a vile Set of Men, who, had they succeeded in their wick'd Attempts, would not only have depriv'd their *Sovereign* of one of the best *Ministers*, but also have undermin'd the whole *Constitution*. Such are usually the dire Effects of Ambition, which, when not check'd in Time, commonly prove destructive to a *Nation*. And as it is the Duty of a *Sovereign* to reward the good Services of his *Subjects*; so on the other side, 'twill be thought just and prudent in him to punish those restless Spirits, who by their Evil Practices are perpetually endeavouring to blacken his *Ministry*, and disturb the



publick Tranquillity. For altho' Clemency in a Prince adds the greatest Lustre to his Diadem; yet when his Ministers, who act immediately by his Authority, are unjustly struck at; and the Safety of a Nation endanger'd by the pernicious Arts of insatiable ambitious Men, who prefer their private Advantage to the Welfare of a Government; then I presume, a Sovereign, who is to be consider'd as the Father of his People, must be under a Necessity of having Recourse to such Methods, as will most effectually tend to the Preservation of both.

We shall here leave *Narzanes* exalted to the highest Grandeur, and conclude with a Word or two on the distinguish'd Character of this *Great Man*, tho', after what has been said, it seems needless to expatiate upon it: yet as his wonderful Conduct in all Affairs, has plainly prov'd that he was not cloath'd in borrow'd Ornaments; but possessed within himself such conspicuous Virtues, as made him a most accomplish'd Statesman: we may justly assert without Flattery, that when a *Monarch* is assisted in his Government, by so able and upright a Minister; it must be equally glorious to the Crown, and advantageous to the Subject, who always feels the happy Influence of his Administration. And as no Man was ever better qualify'd for so high a Station, or could discharge the Duties of it with greater Honour and Integrity: we may with Justice conclude, that no Minister ever had a better Title to the Favour and Esteem of his Sovereign, or more truly deserv'd the Love and universal Applause of his Country.



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| to <i>Acquaint</i> , bekannt machen.                                            | <i>exchequer</i> , die koenigliche Schatzkammer.                                                |
| to <i>alloy</i> , lindern.                                                      | <i>fin</i> , gern.                                                                              |
| to <i>allow</i> , zugefehen.                                                    | to <i>faint</i> , ohnmächtig werden.                                                            |
| <i>apace</i> , schnell, gefchwind.                                              | to <i>forge</i> , fchmieden.                                                                    |
| <i>apparel</i> , die Kleidung.                                                  | to <i>graft</i> , einimpfen.                                                                    |
| to <i>apprize</i> , unterrichten.                                               | to <i>grave</i> , beleidigen.                                                                   |
| to <i>atone</i> , gnug thun, verfoehnen.                                        | <i>guilty</i> , fchuldig.                                                                       |
| to <i>batter</i> , aufziehen, fpothen.                                          | to <i>hatch</i> , ausfinnen.                                                                    |
| to <i>boast</i> , prahlen, ruehmen.                                             | <i>helm</i> , das Steuerruder. <i>so be as thy helm</i> , clauum tenere.                        |
| to <i>bribe</i> , mit Geld beftechen.                                           | <i>hideous</i> , haeflich.                                                                      |
| to <i>bring over</i> , bereden, auf feine Seite bringen.                        | <i>hint</i> , der Wink. to <i>hint</i> , wincken, zuverftehen geben.                            |
| to <i>bury up</i> (zu <i>bury up</i> ) unterftuetzen, in die Hoehe heben.       | <i>jarring</i> , mißfchellig, nicht uebereinstimmend.                                           |
| to <i>carry</i> , fuehren, tragen. <i>so carry on</i> , fortfuehren.            | <i>jaw</i> , das Zahnfleisch.                                                                   |
| to <i>chuse</i> , waelen.                                                       | <i>impeachment</i> , die Anklage.                                                               |
| to <i>compass</i> , erreichen, ausfuehren.                                      | to <i>improve</i> , verbessern.                                                                 |
| <i>construtions</i> , das Gerede der Leute, und ihre Urtheile.                  | to <i>lay so</i> , beymessen.                                                                   |
| <i>course</i> , der Lauf, <i>of course</i> , natuerlicher Weile, von felbft.    | he <i>lay</i> , er lag, he <i>laid</i> , er legte.                                              |
| <i>den</i> , die Grube, Hoele.                                                  | <i>match</i> , die Heurath, ein gleiches Paar.                                                  |
| <i>dismal</i> , fchrecklich, graeulich.                                         | to <i>meet some body</i> , oder, <i>with f. b.</i> jemanden antreffen; mit ihm zufammen kommen. |
| to <i>dive</i> , eintauchen, <i>into the cause</i> , in die Urfache eindringen. | <i>noon</i> , der Mirtag.                                                                       |
| to <i>drain</i> , ableiten, austrocknen.                                        | <i>Overture</i> , der Vortrag, Antrag.                                                          |
| <i>early</i> , (sehr) frueh.                                                    | to <i>owe</i> , fchuldig feyn.                                                                  |
| to <i>embezzle</i> , verfchwenden, durchbringen.                                | to <i>peruse</i> , durchlefen.                                                                  |
| to <i>encounter</i> , angreifen.                                                | to <i>purchase</i> , erkaufen, erwerben.                                                        |
| <i>endowment</i> , die Gabe, Tugend.                                            | to <i>pry</i> , forfchen.                                                                       |
| <i>engines</i> , Werkzeuge.                                                     | <i>quite</i> , gaenzlich.                                                                       |
|                                                                                 | )C                                                                                              |

velich, der Geschmack.

to retrieve, wiederbekommen, retten.

to reward belohnen.

vicious, ausschweifend.

stage, die Buehne.

to stand one's ground, Fuß halten, stehen bleiben.

step, der Schritt.

to strike down, hinabstreichen, schleichen to strike at, zuwider seyn.

suitable, schicklich.

sure sicher, gewiss. I am sure

to make, cet. ich unterlasse nicht zu machen.

to surmise, denken, argwohnen.

torch, die Fackel.

undressed, unerschrocken.

to wear out any ill impression, einen uebeln Eindruck schwächen mindern. propr. abnutzen, abtragen, wie ein Kleid.

withal, zugleich, darneben.

wisdom, ohne p. 66. unten: ohne selbst so viel zu beherzigen, daß sie fuer ihre eigne Sicherheit sorgen.

wrong, unrecht, beleidigend.

to yield, nachgeben.





